Clinton Urges

Russia to Stay

On the Road

In TV 'Town Meeting,'

He Pleads With Viewers

To 'Choose the Future'

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service

MOSCOW -- President Bill Clinton plunged

into a nationally televised "lown meeting" Friday to urge Russians to stay the course toward a free market and democracy and to find a "new

Clearly stimulated by provocative questions from a youthful audience at the Ostankino

television center in Moscow and similar groups

in video hookups from other cities, Mr. Clinton was alternately professor, politician and preacher, He counseled Russians to "choose the

"I come here as a friend and supporter of the

democratic changes going on in this oation. he told them. "I hope that my nation and I can

make a positive contribution, in the spirit of

genuine and equal partnership."

He added, "In the end, you will have to

decide your own future. I do not presume to do

The telecast was the first such live appearance ever by an American president in Moscow,

Russia's lower house elects an anti-reform

Communist as speaker. O U.S. grapples with politics of wreath-laying in Belarus. Page 5.

and it offered Mr. Clintoo a natioowide audi-

ence for the central theme of his visit - to

declare America's support for Russia's embat-

tled reforms and its struggling president, Boris N. Yeltsin.

days of Russia's oew parliament provided them constantly. On Friday, while the presidents

were meeting in the grand halls of the Kremlin, the new State Duma elected a devoted Commu-

oist as its speaker. And the rightist Vladimir V.

Zhirinovsky caused another furor, as he was

slugged by another deputy who resented that the demagogic nationalist had been given pref-

creatial treatment at the parliament canteen.

largely with the troublesome amenals left over

The major boous of Mr. Clinton's journey was realized at the start of the day when Presi-

dent Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine joined Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin in signing a state-

ment in which Ukraine agreed to turn its strate-gic nuclear warheads to Russia for dismantling

in exchange for security assurances and com-pensation in the form of nuclear fuel.

statement" as a break in what a senior Ameri-

All three presidents bailed the "trilateral

from the Cold War.

If any reminders were needed, the opening

definition of Russia's greatness."

To Reform

# Awaiting 'Magic Word' On the Golan Heights

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# Hopes for Gesture by Syria in Geneva Mix With a Dose of Caution in Israel

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — After months of being shoved to the side, Israel's peace talks with Syria are about to regain center stage, but senior Israeli officials say they do not know it the negotiations can be pulled out of the how they are in.

bog they are in.

The key for them is the meeting scheduled. Sunday in Geneva between President Bill Cimton and President Hafez Assad of Syria, an encounter that has received such a buildup here that one could be forgiven an im-pression that the rest of Mr. Clinton's European journey is a mere cover for his appointment with the Syrian.

Israelis want Mr. Assad to give the U.S.

president "the magic word," as one official put it: a statement that he is ready to "normalize" relations with Israel in return for an Israeli withdrawal from the strategically im-portant Golan Heights, which Israel cap-tured from Syria in the 1967 war and virtual-ly annexed in 1981.

If he raises the prospect of "normaliza-tion"—defined by the Israelis as diplomatic relations, open borders and trade—then "he will find in Israel a partner ready to do business with him," Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin has said.

The inevitable tit for fat would be Israeli 

where. Syria offers peace, but says it first wants Israel to commit itself to leaving the Golan, where 13,000 Israelis tive. Israel says it is prepared to pull back, at least partly, but first wants to hear what the Synans

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mean by peace.

The question now is whether the equation is about to change and, if so, whether it will be enough to qualify as a breakthrough.

Some Israel, officials and academic experts see an imminent shift, arguing that Mr. Assad will not risk going to Geneva empty.

handed if he wants to improve relations with the United States, especially to get Syria removed from Washington's list of countries

that sponsor terrorism.

Among other subjects likely to be taken up are the fate of several hundred Jews remaining in Syria; possible Syrian involvement in Middle East drug trafficking; Syria's links to Iran; its abetment of radical Pelesting. Palestinian groups, and its continued pur-chases of advanced weapons from North

Korea. But the core issue is generally considered to be the future of the Golan, a source of much of Israel's water and a plateau that Syria had used before 1967 to shell northern Israeli settlements.

"I would guess that this is the time for Assad to say publicly, or at least to whisper in Mr. Clinton's ear, what he means hy full peace," said Moshe Maoz, a Hebrew University professor who specializes in Syrian

The optimists have been encouraged by certain signals, such as the reported remarks last week by Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam of Syria that "normalization" was a part of the talks with Israel. That is hardly the same as having Mr. Assad say it out loud, but to some officials here it was a step in the wight description. in the right direction.

If the talks in Geneva go well, the United States is expected to announce a resumption of long-suspended peace talks in Washington on Ian. 24, not only between Israel and Syria, but also among Israel and Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians.

The Palestinian track, however, has been overtaken by the "declaration of principles" signed in September by Israel and the Pales-tine Liberation Organization, whose negoti-ators are struggling to turn it into a workable

-Not all Israelis are sure they will hear magic words from Geneva. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, normally a leading optimist, has cantioned that Mr.



Other people noticed, too, and some object-ed, as have critics in Washington, to what looked like excessive identification with one

personality of Mr. Yeltsin."

Mr. Chinton, who had answered a similar question a few moments before, replied once again, saying: "I'm the president of the United States, I should be open to meeting with and listening to all the democratic voices in Russia. But in the end, I still have to work with your

For all the danger that awaits the Russian politician who overidentifies with the United States, Mr. Yeltsin spoke of 'my friend Bill Clinton." It was said, as it has been repeated at

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# The Visitor Wobbled on A Diplomatic **Tightrope**

By R. W. Apple Jr.

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — American Presidents used to

come here to treat with monolithic govern-ments. On his arrival this week, Bill Clinton found no real government at all, but rather two inchoate groups, one composed of reformers, the other a mix of go-slow pragmanists and counterreformers, all struggling for power, staggering into an unfathomable future.

That put the young, inexperienced president on something of a diplomatic tightrope, fighting to keep his balance. He did not fall off, but he did not make it across without a few wob-

thought the tone was excellent," said a senior European diplomat who had never seen Mr. Clinton in action before. "He never conde-

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scended to them. He told them how great their country is, which they need to hear, especially from the mighty Americans. "He said their country was not the only one

with problems, and he talked about his own difficulties in pushing health-care reform through Congress. He also told them, as they have learned to their cost, that the free market

doesn't have all the answers."

The president and his senior aides chose to spend most of their time with the leader of the first group, President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Only at a reception Thursday night at Spaso House, the U.S. ambassador's residence, did he briefly encounter the accord group, mingling with and praising members of all parties in the new parliament. His national accurity adviser. W. Anthony Lake, spent most of his time there with the leader of the semi-reformed Communist Party, with whom the Americans may want

Upping his bet on Mr. Yeltsin, Mr. Chinton chose not to visit the parliament, not to speak at length to its members, not to hold substantive

meetings with its leaders, at least partly because the legislative hierarchy has not yet solidified. He held four long meetings with Mr. Yeltsin. "There is a 'with-us-or-against-us' mentality in this country, which Clinton has chosen to accept," said a Briton long resident in Moscow. "He chose not to stress the importance of parliament, because parliament is obviously Yeltsin's adversary. He opened not an inch of space between himself and Yeltsin, although Yeltsin is in decline, arguably terminal de-

"Mr. President," a man in Red Square said to Mr. Chinton during his televised town meeting, "we're getting an impression you're supporting not so much the reforms in Russia but the

every summit meeting for decades regardless of



Mr. Clinton in a Moscow studio Friday taking questions from his audience. Viewers in far-filmg cities, participating by video hookup, were also able to pose their questions.

# After Steep Falls, Markets In Asia Regain Footing

By Michael Richardson and Lawrence Malkin

rail Herald Tribune Reversing several days of sharp falls, most Asia-Pacific stock markets rebounded on Fri-day, with Malaysia scoring the strongest gain. The composite index of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange jumped 10.2 percent.

The rises, however, failed to make up for recent heavy losses when investors, led by American and Japanese institutions, dumped stock to take profits in what were widely viewed as overheated markets.

The Kuala Lumpur stock market had lost nearly 15 percent of its value in the three days

before Friday. Analysts said that an assurance Thursday by Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian prime min-ister, that the government believed the fall in share prices was temporary because Malaysian companies had a sound base had helped to revive confidence in both the Kuala Lumpur and Singapore exchanges, which trade many of the same companies.

In Singapore, the benchmark index rose 4.92 percent. The Asia-Pscific component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock lodex rose 2.81 percent, to 119.74.

Brokers said buying on Asia-Pacific exchanges on Friday came from both foreign and local sources. "People left the markets had been sold down too aggressively," said James Bax, Managing Director of Baring Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd. "There is still a lot of money around and the fundamentals of most regional economies are still stroop."

But he cautioned that Asia-Pacific stocks were likely to be volatile in the next six months as investors cashed in on huge gains made over the past year and shifted funds to other areas. The stock market in Japan, which some fund managers have said is due for a re-rating after a

dismal performance to the last two years, staged a late afternoon rally. Tokyo's Nikkei average gained 2.13 percent. "New York shares are starting to recoil from

highs, and since other Asian stock markets are overheated, foreigners are pouring into" the Japanese market, a trader at Tsiheiyo Securities in Tokyo told Reuters.

5.87 percent. Steven So, an analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities in Hong Kong, said that the rebound of shares in the colony was "quite strong but we need to break above 11,000 to reverse the downtrend" set by the market's plunge this week.

The Hang Seng index ended at 10,774.25, up

597.74 points, after plunging 5 percent on See MARKETS, Page 10

can official described as Ukraioe's "stall In Hong Kong, the Hang Seog index surged

Mr. Kravchuk has signed agreements at least twice to surrender the weapons, which are blocking the implementation of major disarmament treaties between the United States and Russia. But the Ukrainian legislature has not ratified the pacts, convinced that without the missiles Ukraine would become irrelevant to the West and vulnerable to Russia. The statement signed Friday was less a for-

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# Tokyo Tries to Cut North Korean Pipeline

An Israeli soldier walking past the bodies of four Palestinians killed Friday. Page 4.

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service TOKYO - In the first crackdown on com-

panies exporting high technology goods to North Korea since the nuclear standard with the country began, the Japanese police mided com-panies throughout the Tokyo area on Friday, searching for evidence they had shipped electronic instruments that could aid the North's wide ranging efforts to build new missiles.

The raids came after the United Series, trying to bolster its effort to bring the North's nuclear and missile projects to a halt, quietly pressed Japan to stem what appears to be a steady flow of electronics and other goods to the government in Pyongyang. American intelligence officials have said in recent weeks that they are tracking several efforts by the North Koreans to purchase critical electronic parts in Japan, chiefly to improve the missile accuracy.

Although it was unclear how the equipment in the latest investigation reached North Korea test instruments that can improve a missile's ability to track-targets - Japanese and Ameri-

can officials say much of it is purchased by Koreans who live in Japan but profess loyalty to Kim Il Sung, the North's 81-year-old leader.

The Korean-Japanese are also believed to be the source of \$600 million to \$1 billion that Ikws across the Sea of Japan annually, one of the nearly bankrupt North's biggest sources of

Japan has said that it would try to stop the flow of money to the North only after the UN

Debate over satellite exports to China heats up after a U.S. hon is eased. Page 4.

imposed sanctions against Mr. Kim's government for keeping international nuclear inspec-tors at bay. But it appears to be trying to tighten the controls on technology.

"So far, our control over what is going to North Korea has been very, very loose," a sentor Japanese official conceded earlier this week, before the raids. But the luggage of passengers who travel to North Korea via ferry

from Niigata is still not searched, apparently because of Japan's fear of prompting trouble with its North Koreans.

The equipment being investigated was considered "dual use," meaning that it could be used for both civilian and military purposes. But the "spectrum analyzer" for radio waves that the police are trying to track is included on the Cocom list of restricted technology. The phrase refers to the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, News reports suggest that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry might have been duped into issuing a license to ship the equipment, based on a falsified application.

At a news conference, Hiroshi Kumagai, minister of international trade and industry, said he had instructed his staff to "deal with the

Mr. Kim's government has already built its own version of Scud missiles and has shipped many to the Middle East. Japanese officials are See RAID, Page 4

### Kiosk

### **Mobutu Dissolves** Zaire Parliament

KINSHASA, Zaire (AFP) - President Mobutu Sese Seko, who has been jockeying for years with pro-democratic forces in Zaire, on Friday ordered the dissolution of the parliament, the government and the High Council of the Republic.

In a message to the nation, Marshal Mobutu said that agreements signed betweeo his supporters and the opposition had meant "as an immediate consequence the dissolution of the present government of transition."

### Wider NATO Games?

BONN (Reuters) -- Germany and Denmark may hold joint land-based military maneuvers with Poland as an early, concrete result of NATO's initiative to in-crease cooperation with former Warsaw Pact states, Germany's commander in chief, General Klaus Naumann. said Fri-

### When and How? Ending the world recession

The series resumes Monday, with a look at Jopan: With unemployment heading to levels not seen since World War II. will Tokyo's plans for economic stimulation

do any good."

Also in Monday's Trib, Patricia Wells posts her first list of the world's 10 best restaurants with her fourth report - from France - on great places to dine.

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# Japan's Bad Guys: Out of Fashion and Out of the Script

By T. R. Reid

Washington Past Service

TOKYO — The last lapanese gangster is about to bite the dust — in the movies, at least Tota Studios, the only major studio here still making films about the yakuza, lapan's version.
of the malia, will pull the plug on moh movies because hardly anybody goes to see them any-more, a spokesman said.

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This ignominious exit from the film world is turf. American horror and mass-number films just one more insult to the once-proud Japanese are staples of late-night television. underworld, which has lost thousands of members and much of its fearsome stature since the government launched a war on organized crime two years ago.

"Since the anti-gangster law went into effect in 1992, the public attitude has really turned against the gangs," said the Toei spokesman, Kuniyaki Fukunaga: "It's hard to make heroes out of the yakuza any more."

One reason gangster films tend to flop in lapan is that Japanese fans are spending their ticket money on U.S. movies with Sylvester Stallone, and Arnold Schwarzenegger, which offer lar more blood and guts than domestic-

In fact, there is pleaty of murder and may-hem on Japanese screens both large and small, even though violent crime in real life is relatively rare. The popular samurai dramas appearing on national television most nights of the week routinely leave dead bodies by the dozen in the years, however, the yakuza lost whatever popu-

But Japanese shoot'em-up films do not make money anymore.

"For one thing, the large majority of movie-oers in Japan now are female," said Haruo Mizzono, one of Japan's most prominent film critics. "They don't have any interest in gangster films. Second, the TV networks won't show gangster movies during golden time, and without a TV sale movies don't have a big enough

The gangster-with a heart-of-gold was once a standard of Japan's film industry. The most famous movie gangster here, Ken Takakura, never even carried a gun; he dispatched his foes with a samurai sword instead. This reflected the public perception of the yakuza as a kind of lapanese Robin Hood, helping ordinary people

against the establishment. For decades, the mob and the police carried on in a state of peaceful coexistence. In recent

es as loan-sharking and protection rackets, which tend to harm ordinary citizens. With the advent of the Violent Groups Control Law early in 1992, the police embarked on a major crackdown, with broad public support.

Gradually, all the big studios except Toci stopped making gangster movies. The last ya-kuza movie that made a profit was in fact an anti-yakuza movie. That was "Mob Woman," made in 1992 by

Juno Itami, the director known in the West for films like "A Taxing Woman" and "Tampopo." Mr. Itami's movie made fun of the yakuza -and they paid him back. Three mobsters were convicted of slashing the director's face with knives after jumping out of a car, Japan's equivalent of a drive-by shooting. Unbowed, Mr. Itami held a news conference

from his hospital bed to denounce the yakuza once again. The whole incident seemed to in-See MOVIES, Page 4

# German Police Say 'Swastika' Victim Was Liar

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Part Service
BERLIN — A 17-year-old German girl in a wheelchair who claimed that oec-Nazi skinbeads carved a swastika in her cheek apparently did it berself and fabricated the story, a prose-

cutor announced Friday night.

Public Prosecutor Jürgen Hossield said the girl "most probably" was lying when she told the police Monday that three skioheads had attacked her as she left a public toilet, cutting the Nazi symbol in her left cheek after she refused to repeat fascist slogans. A nationwide search for the culprits, described as two youths in their fare teens and a 15-year-old girl, failed to turn up the assailants.

Mr. Hossield said the police had been skeptical early in the investigation because oo wit-

screams, although the assault reportedly took place at midday in the large eastern city of Reports of the alleged attack generated outrage across Europe by groups representing the disabled, by politicians and hy ordinary citizens. Fifteen thousand people gathered in Halle's central square on Thursday to protest neo-Nazi violence and demonstrate support for the

nesses had seen the attack or heard any

German politicians condemned the attack and called for tougher laws to punish violent rightist offenders in general and particularly

those who prey on the disabled. President Richard von Weizsäcker called the cpisode "an unacceptable infamy." On Friday. before Mr. Hossfeld's announcement, a Vatican theologian denounced the attack and warned that Nazi ideology is re-emerging in

The girl, identified in the German press only as Elke J., had claimed that after one of her assailants slashed her cheek he warned: "This time we were reserved. The next time it will be worse." The authorities in Halle said the girl left the city on Thursday and probably was in

hiding.

A few similar frauds have been unmasked See GERMAN, Page 2

# Defying NATO, Croatia Puts Jets Into Bosnia Fight

By John Pomfret Washington Past Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Croatian Army jets and heli-copters attacked Muslim positions in central Bosnia twice in a 24-hour period, United Nations officials said Friday. The raids marked another flagrant violation of the NATO-enforced air-exclusion zone in Bosnia and a major escalation of Croatia's involvement in the war in

Croadan Army helicopters di-rected fighter jets in a rocket attack against the Muslim-held Bratstvo ammunition factory near the central Bosnian city of Travnik on Thursday afternoon as well as around the Vitez area on Thursday morning, the UN military officials

"It seems that helicopters were directing lighters into the attack." said Lieutenant Colonel William Aikman, a spokesman for the UN Protection Force in Bosnia.

While Colonel Aikman declined to identify the aircraft as belonging to the Croatian Army, he added that he did not believe the mostly-Muslim Bosnian Army possessed fighter jets. No Serbian forces operate in the area, and UN sources later confirmed that the Croatian Air Force had been responsible for the attacks.

The air raids - around Traynik and also the village of Pocelici just south of Vitez — mark a significant intensification of Croatia's direct involvement in the war in Bosnia.

For mooths, Croatian Army units have quietly been backing Croatian paramilitary forces in Bosnia as part of a plan to carve ont a predominantly Croatian ministate inside the former Yugoslav

Recently, however, Bosnian Croatian losses to Muslim forces prompted President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia to publicly warn that his army would support Croatian forces in Bosnia.

Mr. Tudjman's threat prompted counterwarnings by Western officials that international economic sanctions could be imposed on Croatia if it continued to intervene in Bosnia. UN officials in Sarajevo said that the air attacks indicated that Mr. Tudiman had oot taken

such warnings seriously.

The attacks also highlight what many UN officials see as a failure of NATO planes to enforce the air-

exclusion zone In December, according to UN officials, Serbian forces flew helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft during an assault on Muslim positions oear the northeast Bosnian town of Teocak. The Bosnian Serbian paramilitary commander, Ratko Mladic, directed his forces' assault on the strategic mountains of Igman and Bijelasnica over the mmer from the co-pilot's seat on a helicopter. Muslim forces also regularly fly helicopters, but are

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NATO pilots have been given a laborious series of rules to follow before they are allowed to attack aircraft that violate the air-exclusion zone. Repeated requests must be made for the aircraft to land, and there are strict orders to the NATO pilots not to fire unless fired on.

place, no violators have been shot down and the only time NATO pilots came close to firing, according to NATO officers, the target was a Bosnian Army helicopter carrying war casualoes. The Croatian Air Force attack

on Thursday occurred in an area in central Bosnia where Muslim forces have trapped an estimated fighters. The strategic Lasva Valley lies like a figure eight along a road



connecting Vitez with Busovaca. Armor of the UN Nordic Battalion in Pancevo, Serbia, waiting Friday for deployment by rail to Tuzia, Bosnia, after a three-month delay.

# France's Top Communist Steps Down, Undaunted

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service

PARIS — During Georges Marchais's two decades as leader of the Communist Party here, support for his movement fell from 21.4 to 9 percent of the electorate. Then, as a final blow, the collapse of the Soviet Union undermined the very ideology that he had long espoused. But as he prepares to retire as leader this month, Mr. Marchais, 73, a former metalworker with trademark bushy eyehrows, says he sees no reason to apologize for being a Communist. "I don't view what has happened as a person-

al failure," he said. If French communism is not too well today, he said, it is because his party formed a coalitioo that brought Fran-cois Mitterrand's Socialist Party to office in 1981. And when the Socialists turned to the right and betrayed their common platform, be said, the Communists were also -

unfairly - blamed. He is equally convinced by his own explanation of the demise of the Soviet Union: it stagnated under Leonid I. Brezhnev and crumbled under Mikhail S. Gorbachev because its leaders failed to engage the people. "I told them, "If you don't change, you're heading for catastro-

So his faith in the future remains intact. "Have you ever known a moment when the crisis of capitalism was deep-er?" he asked in an interview this week. "Socialism in the East has failed, but capitalism is not the future. We must go toward a new society, and we believe it will be a ommunist society.

In truth, the past of the French Communist Party looks far rosier than its future. It led the fight against fascism

before World War II, it played a key role in the Resistance against Nazi occupiers, it was the single largest party in the late 1940s, and, in the early 1970s, Washington again

worried that it could reach power.

Today, it holds only 23 seats in the 577-member National Assembly and, with its onco-powerful labor movement badly weakened and students no longer easy targets for recruiters, the party has been reduced to a bit player on a policial stage dominated by conservatives, who won a stunning victory in parliamentary elections last year.

France has changed, then. And even with 12 percent of the work force unemployed, the Communist Party has so far made few gains. For many here, it is a throwback to an era that has gone forever. For many leftists, it has little hope of recovery as long as Mr. Marchais remains. His retirement is therefore a watershed, an opportunity

to renew the party, to open it up to other leftists, to make it

relevant to the millions who are unhappy about the current situation, even perhaps to change its name. Or is Sitting at his desk in the glass-fronted party headquar-ters designed by Oscar Niemeyer, the Brazilian architect and Communist, the burly old boss did not sound ready to retire. "I will still be a member of the party," he said. "I am

a deputy in the Assembly, and that's an important part of my work as a Communist." More to the point, he appears intent on holding onto much of his power. In a letter written from a hospital bed after a hip operation last September, be gave his age and occasional health problems as his reasons for stepping

lined Charles Fiterman, who served as a minister in the Socialist-led government from 1981 to 1984, has described the succession process as "quasi-monarchical." Anioet Le Pors, another former Communist minister, said Mr. Marchais was a man of "positive instincts and disastrons

For the retiring secretary-general, though, the dissidents offer noisy proof that his leadership is democratic. "If we weren't democratic, we would have thrown them out," be said. "Instead, they have high positions in the party. Since f took over, we have never expelled anyone

Rather, he said, looking back over his long tenure, he believed his main achievement was to modernize the party. "Its gravest mistake was that for a long time it considered the Soviet Union to be a model," he said. "From 1972, when I took over, that's what we question The new society had to be built on what France is.

"When I joined the Communist Party in 1947, if I had known that Stalinism existed and what it was, I would never have signed up," he said, overlooking the fact that by then Stalin had already been in power for two decades. When I found out about Stalinism in 1956, I decided to stay on and fight for change. I have done my bit to bring inge, and I am proud of that,"

Although Communist parties in Italy and Spain changed their names to escape association with the Soviet debacle, Mr. Marchais refused to follow suit. "It would be hypocrisy," he said. "I see no reason to abandon the name of a Communist party that has played such an important down when the 28th party congress is held here this

# Mass March Is Still Planned in Paris Over Schools

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches PARIS — French state school-teachers, parents and leftist parties predicted Friday that hundreds of thousands of protesters would march through Paris on Sunday despite the annulment of a disputed

private schools financing law. Organizers said the demonstration, which is tikely to be the big-gest since the center-right Prime march Sunday from the Place de la Minister Edouard Balladur took Republique to the Place de la Na-

The authorities predict that Porte de Champerret.

office last March, would take place tion. The procession is also expectas planned, to warn the govern-ment against any further attempt to divert public cash to church vards, Boulevard Malesherbes and Avenue de Villiers as far as the

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the National Committee for Lay All private cars will be kept from the area starting at 10 A.M. Sunday. The demonstration starts at 11 the area starting at 10 A.M. Sunday. The demonstration starts at 11 A.M. and will end in the afternoon. Education, which is coordinating the 80 organizations and political parties taking part. "We do not believe the

will change anything."
The law, hustled through the legislature in the middle of the night last month, would have allowed unlimited spending by local authorities on the mainten - mainly Roman Catholic -

But proponents of secular state education, including President

François Mitterrand, a Socialist, saw it as a bid to furnel already limited resources into private rather than public schools. The Constitutional Cooocil ruled that the central article lifting

a 140-year-old limit on local contributions to private school repairs failed to guarantee equality of treatment for public and private schools or among private schools. (Reuters, AP) Army.

# GERMAN: Did Knife Victim Lie?

Continued from Page I

since the great increase in rightist crime that began shortly after German reunification in 1990. A similar case in November 1992 involving a teenaged girl with a swastika cut into her cheek proved to be a

Public anger at the reported as-

new sensitivity to crimes against the disabled and the homeless. which have been growing in num-ber, although rightist violence in general has declined. According to federal govern-

ment figures released this week at tacks against the disabled and the homeless by rightists increased from 145 in 1992 to 324 last year. According to groups supporting rights for the disabled in Germany,

two years were against the handi-The assaults range from spitting on those in wheelchairs to the alleged stomping death of a nearly blind man in Siegen, a crime for which two skinheads are now on

Overall, however, the 1993 crime ligures released by federal authorities this week provided some support for assertions by Chancellor Helmut Kohl that tougher govern-mental action has checked the ris-

ing spiral of political violence.

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Rightist attacks last year reportedly dropped by nearly 30 percent to 1,814, compared to 2,584 in

The decline also extended to attacks against Jews, which dropped to 46 from 63 the previous year, authorities said

11 Hurt in Arson Attack The police said a predawn arson attack wounded 11 foreigners at an asylum shelter on Friday and may have been set by rightist radicals, The Associated Press reported

from Ludwigshafen, Germany. A 34-year-old Ludwigshafen man was arrested, and the police were looking into any connections with the radical right. About 50 asylum-seekers live in

the two-story structure, a police spokesman said. The fire was set in a ground-floor corridor with trash as tinder. Damage was minimal but three people were hospitalized. Eight others were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation. Ludwigshafen is about 80 kilometers (50 miles) southwest of

Frankfurt. # 'Laserman' Is Sentenced A Swede called the "Laserman' ecease of the high-tech gun sight used in attacks on immigrants was sentenced to life imprisonment on

Stockholm Stockholm's district court had

Friday, Renters reported from

He was found guilty of murder-ing an Iranian student, Jimmy Ranjbar, as he walked in a Stockholm street, of two attempted murders involving a rifle, and of six other attempts with a pistol.

# WORLD BRIEFS

### Italian Election Is Forecast for March

ROME (Reuters) — President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro met parliamentary leaders on Friday to discuss dissolving Italy's Parliament, and a cabinet minister said a date for early elections, widely considered as a watershed in Italy's corruption crisis, could be announced Sunday.

Indications abounded that Mr. Scalfaro, who canceled his weekend engagements, was about to order elections in late March to replace the Parliament, which had been undermined by the exposure of entrenched corruption in Italy's political old guard.

Mr. Scalfaro is constitutionally obliged to consult the speakers of the upper and lower houses, Giovanni Spadolini and Giorgio Napolitano, before he can dissolve Parliament. Political commentators expect Sunday, March 27, as the likeliest day for the election. Most voters are expected to desert the parties that ran Italy for 40 years.

### Sinn Fein Leader Seeks to Visit U.S.

DUBLIN (NYT) — The leader of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, renewed an application on Friday for a visa to visit the United States that was denied by President Bill Clinton two

The new application from Gerry Adams, which is expected to be referred to Mr. Clinton in the next few days, was widely seen as an attempt to increase recognition for Sinn Fein as it decides whether to accept the offer to join peace negotiations regarding Northern Ireland.

In denying a visa for Mr. Adams two months ago, Mr. Clinton said Mr. Adams was being barred under laws prechding visas for terrorists. No decision on the current application is expected before next week, when Mr. Clinton returns to Washington from Europe.

Top Lawmakers Back Move to Berlin

BONN (AP) — Leaders of parliament agreed Friday to abandon this Rhine River city and move with the chancellor and his ministers to Berlin by the year 2000. Chancellor Helmut Kohl has already set that date as the deadline for transferring the chancellor's office and ministries back to Berlin, the seat of power before the Germany's division after World War II. But Mr. Kohl cannot move the parliament without the lawmakers'

approval.

During a meeting with Mr. Kohl, parliamentary leaders of the main parties said that Germany's 662 federal lawmakers would follow the chancellor's plan for leaving Bonn. Mr. Kohl wants to start transferring ministries out of Bonn by 1998 and have them in place by 2000. Rudolf Scharping, the leader of the opposition Social Democrats, supported the

move but said be thought that it would take more than two years, and possibly as many as eight.

The Finance Ministry says 20 billion Deutsche marks (\$11.5 billion) will be needed to construct new buildings in Berlin, renovate old ones and compensate Bonn for jobs lost due to the move. The government hopes the transfer will make East Germans feel better about reunification, which in the East has been followed by high unemployment and an

### Leakey Quits Kenya Wildlife Post

NAIROBI (AP) — The paleontologist Richard Leakey submitted his resignation Priday as head of the Kenya Wildlife Service to protest what be called a campaign of "vilification" against him by senior politicians. Tourism Minister Katana Ngala said last Saturday that Mr. Leakey's position as director would be reviewed after an investigation into allega-tions of corruption and mismanagement in the Wildlife Service. The minister said the allegations included claims of irregular employment

practices and illegal collection of funds from the public.

Mr. Leakey said that he had learned of the investigation from the minister's statement and that when be asked about the nature of the investigation, be was told it was none of his business. "I am forced to ask, therefore, whether this is a probe or a smear," he said.

India Outrage Over Police Tattooing

AMRITSAR, India (AP) — The tatooing of the word "Jebkatri," which means "pickpocket," on the foreheads of four women has sparked

which means "pickpocket." On the foreneats of four women has spanded a national outcry over police brutality.

The women, in the northern state of Punjab, say their foreheads were tattooed by policemen to settle personal scores. The police say outraged citizens branded the women after they picked someone's pocket.

Although it is not immisual in rural India for petry criminals to be a state of the policy of the foose. punished by being paraded on the back of a donkey with their faces blackened and wearing a garland of shippers, this is the first time that criminal suspects have been tattooed.

### **Bonn Admonishes Tehran on Rights**

BONN (Reuters) — Germany, widely criticized for maintaining far closer trade and diplomatic ties with fran than most other Western' countries, targed Tehran on Friday to respect human rights, lift a death edict on the British author Salman Rushdie and pardon a German

sentenced to death on charges of spying for Iraq.

Foreign Minister Klans Kinkel made the demands in a meeting in
Bonn with Mohammed Javad Lanjani, deputy chairman of the Iranian

ment's for A ministry statement said Mr. Kinkel stressed to Mr. Larijani that schools. Mr. Balladur said the aim. keeping up a dialogue is important, but that this requires all issues to be bad been to enable rundown openly and sincerely discussed, particularly human rights. Germany has schools to meet safety standards.

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keeping it at arm's length. Steps Toward Mexico Peace Reported

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (Reuters) - Mexico's presidential peace curvy, Manuel Camacho Solis, said Friday that there had been "important advances" in efforts to end a 14-day peasant uprising in the southern state of Chiapas, and the Mexican Army said.

fighting was dying out in the region.

But Mr. Camacho warned that the peace process could be a long one. He said he was returning to Mexico City on Friday to brief President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who appointed him earlier this week to seek an end to the rebellion by the self-styled Zapanista National Liberation

### TRAVEL UPDATE

El Al to Resume Flights to Sweden

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — El Al will resume flights to Stockholm's. Arlanda airport next month after a four-year break over Sweden's refusal to let the Israeli airline carry armed guards. Sweden has since dropped its An El Al spokesman in Stockholm said Friday that the first flight would be Feb. 16. He said El Al planned two flights a week between Stockholm and Tel Aviv. During a visit to Sweden by the Israeli foreign

minister, Shimon Peres, in August, Sweden agreed to amend a law so to allow people responsible for the safety of others to carry weapons abourd airliners landing in Sweden. British Rail, short of cash and resigned to running swift new French trains on old track once the Channel Tunnel opens, said Friday that it had

no plans to remove a crossing near Ashford in Kent, so the hi-tech trains will have to slow down to around 60 miles (97 kilometers) an hour.

Quantas Airways will end its Sydney-San Francisco nonstop service, but dd flights on the Los Angeles route, beginning March 27. (Bloomberg) Singapore Airlines will begin service to Capetown via Johannesburg on weekly basis, starting March 25. (AP)

# As Fires Come Under Control

relieved fire fighters said Friday. "We've Woo," newspaper posters screamed in fire-ravaged Syd-

unpopulated areas and most were under control. Cooler temperatures and gentler winds since Wednesday allowed fire lighters to undertake extensive control burning, which deprives fires of fuel,

150 million Australian dollars (\$104 million) in damage.

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The ruling Thursday by the nine-member Constitutional Council

was seen as the first major blow against the popular prime minister. "The demonstration is more than ever necessary," said Michel Deschamps, who heads the largest state teachers' trade union. "The Constitutional Couocil has stopped a worsening in the state of public education but has in oo way

solved its problems," he told Radio Luxembourg About 2,500 buses and I00 trains have been hired to carry marchers to the capital, and the police will have more than 4,000 officers on

"The protesters aim to demonstrate oot only against the law pre-sented by Education Minister François Bayrou but also in defense of the state education system," said Jean-Paul Tripogney of

sault in Halle, however, indicated a

about 80 of those attacks in the last

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tried the man, John Ansonius, 40,

for one murder and nine attempted murders. The victims, shot in 1991 and 1992 in Stockholm and Uppsala, were immigrants from the Middle East, Africa or Latin America.

Relieved Sigh From Sydney

Hundreds of reinforcement fire fighters who had been flown, bused and trucked into the state of New South Wales to battle more

mities around the state is over, but the mopping up is still to be done. It has been hell." Although many fires still burned across the state, all were in

and water-bombing.

The infernos, which killed four people, destroyed about 200 homes and burned 600,000 hectares (1.5 million acres), have caused about

SYDNEY - The worst fire crisis in Australia in 200 years is over,

than 100 out-of-control blazes in the last two weeks will be sent home over the weekend. "I can say the worst is over," Phil Koperberg, commander of the state's bushfire services, said Friday. "The critical threat to commit-

# THE AMERICAS / PROFESSOR AND PRESIDENT

Reno Reviews the Special Counsel Lineup

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WASHINGTON — As Attorney General Janet Reno began reviewing possible candidates to serve as special counsel. Justice Department officials were suppling with in equally significant issue. Defining the scope of an investigation that could become an open-ended inquiry into Arkansas business affams and hang over President Bill Clinton for much of historia:

In requesting that Ms. Reno name an outside prosecutor, Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel, asked only that the prosecutor investigate the "Whitewater matter." This was a reference to the real estate development firm half owned by the president and Hillary Rodham Cinston that bought and sold property during the 1980s.

But Whitewater is only a slice of a much hausder Justice Department investigation that has been under very for months. It touches on a host of related matters: the failed Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan Association owned by the Cintons, partnersh, Whitewater, the WASHINGTON - As Attorney General Janet Reno began

on a host of related matters: the limites, parinesin Whitewater, the alleged diversion of Madison money into a Clinion campaign account, questionable loans to other state political figures and the thrift's possible lenient treatment by Arkensas regulators during Mr.

Clinton's tenure as governor.

The initial assumption of Initice Department of firials was that the new special counsel would immediately take over all these matters, which are now being handled by three career prosecutors in Linke Rock, Arkansas, but some former independent counsels warned that

such a broad charter would essentially open a Pandora's box.

"You've got an investigation that is starting on an island, that is
Whitewater, that is going to find a causeway to a contract known as
Arkansas politics," said Jacob Stein, who served as an independent
counsel during the 1980s investigating afterney General Edwin
Messe 3d.

Sources said that a number of possible candidates for special counsel had been contacted and that an announcement could come

### Clinton Lets 'Nightilne' Know Who's Boss

NEW YORK—The special access that Mr. Cinton has granted to the ABC News program "Nightline" during his trip to Europe was temporarily interrupted when the president refused to give an interview to the program's anchor, Ted Koppel.

Mr. Cinton had agreed to give "Nightline" an interview on each of five consecutive mights this week, an air angement that has had the other networks grunnbing. But the president refused to answer questions Wednesday about the decision to seek a special prosecutor in the Whitewater investigation, so no interview was conducted.

Mr. Cinton went back on the program Thursday, and no questions directly dealing with Whitewater were asked.

(NYT)

### Reagan Gives Up Fight on Iran-Centra Report

WASHINGTON - Former President Reagan is giving up a court battle to suppress parts of a report by fran contrapresecutors that is highly critical of his role in the scandal, Mr. Reagan's lawyers said.

Objections by Mr. Reagan, Mr. Meese, and Oliver L. North, a former White House side, have delayed the release of the report for

the past month.

On Jan 7, a special panel of three federal appellate judges denied their requests for withheliting mich of the document—and President Reagan will not seek Supreme Court review, said a lawyer for Mr. Reagan, Theodore Oison. The appellate judges have said they will release the report next week unless those who have sought to suppress it appeal to the Supreme Court.

(AP)

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Erik Soccason, executive produces of "CBS Evening News," on the Whitewater real estate affair. The back of the most difficult stories to explain that I've over engagnetically.

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CIRCUS DEATHS—A train carrying Ringling Buns. circus performers and unimals was derailed near Lakeland, Florida, killing an elephant trainer and a clown and inpuring 14 people.

• Shelkh Omar Abdel Rahman visited a New York hospital on Friday for an undisclosed ribneat. The Moslim cleric, who is 55, blind and has diabetes, has been charged in connection with a terrorist plot that included the World Trade Center bombing, Feb. 26.

• A gunnam opened fire abourd a New York subway car as it pulled into a Manhattan station during rush hour Thursday evening wounding three passengers, including a woman whom the police described as the gunnan's former griftiend.

• A weenen was found bound, gagged and strangled in a park in Ontario, California. Authorities said the woman, Deborah Demac Brown, 33, of Los Angeles, usight have been the victim of a setial killer believed to have strangled three other women. AP, NYT, WP

# 2 Testify On Being **Irradiated** As Pupils

New York Times Service WALTHAM, Massachusetts -Two former pupils have returned to the Fernald School for retarded children here and testified to a U.S. Senate committee about radiation

experiments performed on them in the 1940s and 1950s by researchers who told them that they were joining a science club. The hearing was the first of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources in its investigation of human radiation experimenus conducted after World War II. The chairman, Senator Edward

duce legislation "for the protection of human subjects." Officials from the Department of Energy, the Department of De-fense, the National Institutes of Health and the Veterans Administration told the committee Thursday that to the best of their knowledge there are no experiments now being done at their agencies that do not meet federal guidelines for the protection of human subjects.

M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massa-chuseus, said he planned to intro-

But a doctor who helped write the current guidelines said it would be difficult to know what experi-ments are being conducted without a national board to see that guidelines are met ... ..

Guidelines that have been adopted over the last three decades require scientists to seek the in-formed consent of their subjects and to tell them about the possible risks involved.

Charles L Dyer, one of the for-mer pupils at Fernald, a state school, said that he was never told that radiation was involved. They said it would benefit us by taking vitamins and stuff, I remember that," said Mr. Dver, now 53, "It was a chance for us to get off the grounds. They took us places, here and there, and they said they were going to have a Christmas party for us. We were young kids, and they took advantage of us."

Mr. Dyer and the other former Fernald pupil who testified, Austin LaRocque, were part of a group of boys at the school who were fed minute doses of radioactive minerals by scientists from Harvard University and the Massachusetts Inversity and the Massachusetts Inversity and the Massachusetts Inversity and to Ira Kurzban, a Miami lawver who has been general counsel to als by scientists from Harvard Unistitute of Technology.

to see if chemicals used in breakfast to see if Chemicans the body from absorbing iron and calcium. They were sponsored by the Quaker Oats
Co., the National Institutes of Health, and the Atomic Energy Commission, according to J. David

Litster, MIT dean for research. A consent form that the Fernald School sent to parents in 1949 made no mention of radiation.

Mr. Litster and Dr. A. Bertran Brill, the research director and professor of miclear medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, both told the hearing that the amount of radiation used was very small

Senator Kennedy asked Dr. Brill: "Why don't they test it on

Dr. Brill said the children at Fernald were chosen because they were at a residential school where their intake could be closely moni-tored. He said the tests should not have been conducted at Fernald because the subjects were "cap-

Dr. Kenneth Ryan, a professor at the Harvard Medical School who was the chairman of a national commission for the protection of human subjects, a government pan-el active in the 1970s, said greater government oversight was necessary to monitor experiments conducted by federal agencies.

Representative Edward J. Markey, Democrat of Massachusetts, who made public a report in 1986 called "American Nuclear Guinea Pigs: Three Decades of Radiation Experiments on U.S. Citizens, said he had been surprised to learn only last month about the experi-ments held at the Fernald School. The school is in his district.

"One question I have here today," he said, "is whether the ex-periments described in the 1986 repost constitute the iceberg, and the more recent Fernald revelations are just the tip, or whether the report is the tip and we have yet to find the

# Moynihan Not Sparing the Rod on White House

By Richard L. Berke

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — When President Bill Clinton stepped up to the lectern at a fund-raising reception for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York last month, he joked:
"Before I met Pat Moynihan, I acmally

thought I knew something about government. Now f just feel like I'm getting a grade every time I talk in front of him." Unfortunately for Mr. Clinton, his latest grades from the professor-turned-sena-tor have been well below average — so lackluster that the New York Democrat

has made a public example of his student

several times in recent days. In the senator's latest critique, one that the president heard half a world away in Brussels this week, Mr. Moynihan called for an independent counsel to investigate the Clintons' role in a failed Arkansas real

That remark, on a national television news program Sunday, is only the latest. The same day, Mr. Moynihan did nothing for the Clinton health-care package by declaring that "we don't have a healthcare crisis in America."

major domestic initiative. Mr. Moynihan told The New York Post last week that the president was not serious about reform and was using the issue as "boob bait for

the Buhhas. Relishing his new role as a legislative gatekeeper, he also threatened that if the White House did not make good on its promises on welfare, "I just might hold health care hostage."

Although Mr. Moynihan has never

shied away from speaking his often unpre-dictable mind, his seemingly off-hand utterances have taken on a new weight in the Clinton eta. The president picked Lloyd Bentsen of

Texas to be his Treasury secretary, making way for Mr. Moynihan to ascend to the chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee. And in that post, Moynihan, always one of the giant intellects on Capitol is now one of the giant powers there. Mr. Movnihan, who said he was moti-

vated only by his pursuit of sound policy and a desire to look after constituents, said it was in his nature to give straight an-

Recalling the circumstances Sunday when be was asked on television whether

And on welfare, Mr. Clinton's other he would support an independent counsel agor domestic initiative. Mr. Moynihan on the Whitewater matter, he said: "I'm sitting on 'Meet the Press.' Lisa Myers turns to you. You don't humble and

say, 'I haven't thought about that.'

Scoffing at the notion that there was tension with the White House, Mr. Moynihan said that he "couldn't ask for a warm-er relationship" with Mr. Clinton.

"There's an advise and consent sort of relationship," he said. "I'm surprised they are as attentive as they are." As Mr. Cinton is learning, even the most casual remarks—the kind that could

be dismissed before the senator assumed such influence - can threaten to steer the resident's proposals off course. Yet White House officials find they can do little but simmer in private, fearing that

if they strike, Mr. Moynihan will only "There's not much you can do about it," said one of several senior White House

officials who complained in private hut refused to attach their names to anything remotely critical of the senator. "He's in charge of a lot of things we hope to accom-

Maybe that is why George Stephano-poulos, a senior adviser to the president

between Mr. Clinton and the senator. "I don't think that in any of these cases the senator intended to do the president any harm," he said. "As far as some of the public comments, i think the senator's a brilliant man who is often misunder-

One reason White House officials are so sensitive is that the Clinton-Moynihan relationship got off to a sour start when an anonymous administration official told Time magazine a year ago. We'll roll right over him if we have to."

The comment infuriated the senator who had publicly complained that the president and his top aides had not sought his counsel in the early days of the admin-istration—and left Mr. Clinton rushing to

They were at peace for much of the year, with the president crediting Mr. Moyni-han for shepherding his budget plan through Congress. But some of his old qualms have apparently resurfaced.

"I don't think the administration has shown the kind of deference they need to here," said Brian Lunde, a Democratic political strategist.

# How Haitian Is Getting By

# Aristide, Hoping to Return, Has Access to \$30 Million

50 to 60 hours a week advising and

said that during most weeks he re-

Much of Mr. Barnes's time is

between Mr. Aristide and the ad-

suaded an initially reluctant Aris-

compromise agreement that was supposed to restore him to power. After the Haitian military reneged

on the deal, Mr. Aristide balked at

U.S. efforts to get him to accept

further compromises, and Mr.

Barnes spent the last month work-

ing overtime to prevent the result-

ing antagonisms from leading to a

the firm's other lawyers.

By John M. Goshk

Washington Pon Service
WASHINGTON — After the
Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted s president of Haiti in a eptember 1991 coup, Michael D. Barnes, a former Democratic House member from Washington's Maryland suburbs, offered to act as

his legal adviser without charge.
"I thought my services would be needed for two or three weeks at the most," recalled Mr. Barnes, a former chairman of the House subcommittee on Western Hemisphere affairs. "After all, President Bush and Secretary of State Baker were vowing that the action of the Haitian military would not be allowed to stand and that Aristide would be speedily returned to office."

Now, more than two years later, Mr. Barnes's status has evolved from unpaid adviser to de facto foreign roinister for Mr. Aristide's government in exile. Mr. Aristide pays the high-powered law firm of Hogan & Hartson, where Mr. Barnes is a partner, a hefty fee of about \$55,000 a month.

yer who has been general counsel to
Haiti since before Mr. Aristide was

The explanations about how the
money is spent has not stopped catching part of the substantial sums that Mr. Aristide's government in exile has paid in hopes of

restoring him to the presidency.

Mr. Aristide has not lacked for cash to pay for these services. While the Treasury Department froze Haitian funds on deposit in this country after the coup, Mr. Aristide has access to the money through his ambassador here, Jean

Mr. Kurzban estimated those funds total \$30 million and said Mr. Aristide's exiled government had been drawing out from \$500,000 to \$1.1 million a month.

Mr. Kurzban said only about 10 to 20 percent was spent on legal fees, while about 70 percent goes to operation of Mr. Aristide's govern-ment in exile, which includes maintaining representatives in major



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Enropean and Latin American capmany American conservatives, who itals and such other influential oppose President Bill Clinton's support of Mr. Aristide, from countries as Canada and Japan. Mr. Barnes said that although his charging that the exiled president is fees might seem steep, they were squadering money for his own ends actually a specially negotiated fee while people in his Caribbean that was only half of what Hogan & homeland live in poverty aggravat-Hartson charges its regular corpo- ed by the painful economic sancrate clients for similar time and tions imposed by the United Naservices. Mr. Barnes himself spends

Mr. Aristide is not required to negotiating for Mr. Aristide, and he account in detail for what he spends, but Mr. Barnes and other quired the aid of 10 to a dozen of supporters deny the implication that he is living in huxury while ordinary Haitians are prey to hunspent in easing the tensions that frequently have troubled relations ger and illness. The truth, they say, is that Mr. Aristide, an ordained but inactive Salesian priest, leads a life of almost monkish asceticism. ministration, Last summer, he per-During most of his time here, he tide to accept a U.S.-backed

lived in a modest one-bedroom apartment in Georgetown, Recent-ly, at the urging of the Secret Ser-vice who feared there was insulficient security at the Georgetown address, he moved to a similar onebedroom apartment in downtown Washington, Beyond his day-today living expenses, his friends say, the only money he spends on himself is for travel related to his campaign to regain the presidency.



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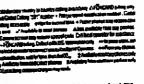
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# Satellite Exports: Battle Lines Drawn After U.S. Signal to China

By Michael Richardson tional Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - By easing a han on export of communication satellites to be launched by China, the United States has signaled to Beijing that it wants to resolve a major point of contention in relations between the two countries, analysts said

American companies that manufacture the satellites and U.S. hroadcasters that plan to use them to beam television programs to Asia, Australia and parts of the Middle East and Europe are lobbying for a complete end to the han.

But critics said such a move would reward Chinese government and military agencies that were implicated by U.S. intelligence in the sale of sensitive missile technology to Pakistan last year and in earlier sales to the Middle East.

U.S. officials said that before the satellites were fully cleared for export. China will have to provide assurances that it will strictly adhere to the Missile Technology Control Regime. The regime is an international agreement to prevent the spread of ballistic missiles that can carry nuclear warheads and other weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. undersecretary of state for international security affairs. Lynn Davis, will hold talks on the missile-proliferation issue in Washington beginning Jan. 26 with China's deputy foreign minis-

to the leadership of the governing party.

Bhutto Is 'Pained'

By Family Feud on

By Henry Kamm

she is "deeply pained" by the foud that has racked Pakistan's leading

political family, but she rejects her mother's demand to be restored

In a bitter response to a series of angry assertions from Nusrat Bhutto, her mother, the prime minister said: "I do feel she says it to damage me and pave the way for the son that she feels should be, in her own words, the heir."

Miss Bhutto accused the family matriarch, the widow of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was prime minister and president, of acting out of

Recounting her own history of struggle, imprisonment and illness after the hanging of her father by General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, the military dictator who ousted him in 1977, Miss Bhutto said:

"Through all this, I hoped the day would never come when I would have to battle male prejudice in my own family. It was a cruel stah in my heart when my mother declared that the male should inherit."

She added, "Since 1981, I ran the party, and I ran the struggle."

Several times in an interview here she emphasized that she had been

the sole member of the family who remained in Pakistan to hrave

persecution and revive the Pakistan People's Party that her father

In a sharp aside against Mir Murtaza Bhutto, the hrother whose return to Pakistan in November after 16 years of political exile

precipitated the feud, the prime minister said she had paid a price in persecution for the "armed struggle" movement that he founded.

Mr. Bhutto has been in prison since his arrival, facing trial on

sedition and terrorism charges filed by the Zia government and The prime minister said her mother had been ousted from the

party leadership because of her insistence that Mr. Bhutto, who was

then still in Syria, run in more than 20 constituencies as an anti-

organization candidate in the election campaign last October. Multi-

Miss Bhutto said she had feared that if her brother won many seats

as a party insurgent, he might have reduced the number of members loyal to her, costing her the prime minister's post.

In the end, Mr. Bhutto won in only one race, for the provincial legislature of Sind, the ancestral home of the Bhuttos, who are

wealthy landowners. He is freed from prison whenever the assembly

returned her to the prime ministership, from which she had been

"I begged my mother, members of the PPP begged my mother, because she really had us by our throats then," Miss Bhutto said. "We begged her: 'Don't do this. We can lose the

The prime minister continued, mocking her mother's voice and

accent: "And she said: 'Yes, if he wins, you don't win Sind. And if

you don't win Sind, you don't win the center. So if you want to win,

"I will oot succumh to emotional blackmail," Miss Bhutto said she

Miss Bhutto said fear of "male prejudice" had prompted her marriage. "Because once my father died," she said, "I knew the day would come when, like all feudal families, they'd lock up the

In a traditional arranged marriage, she became the wife of Asif Ali

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elections. There will be no democracy and no hope of democracy.'

removed in 1990. "The people of Pakistan stood by us."

make my son the chief minister of Sind."

daughter so that the son takes over."

Zardari in 1987. They have three children.

"God was kind to us," Miss Bhutto said of the victory that

ple and absentee candidacies are legal in Pakistan.

ancestral maternal favoritism for a son over a daughter.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto says

**Brother's Future** 

In August, the United States banned high technology exports to China after concluding that the Chinese military had sold M-11 missile parts to

Asia Satellite is owned by Cable and Wireless Pakistan. Beijing denied making the sale.

Following an extensive interagency review, the Clinton administration announced on Jan. 6 that commercial satellites under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Commerce Department were not covered by the sanctions and that export licenses for them could be approved.

Satellite company executives said that three U.S.-made satellites were affected by the decision. Two are being built by Martin Marietta Astro Space and one by Hughes Space and Communica-

Of these satellites, the two most important for China and for satellite communications and televi-sion broadcasting in the Asia-Pacific region are AsiaSat 2 and APSTAR 2.

Winnie Pang, corporate affairs manager for Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co. of Hong Kong, which owns AsiaSat 2, said a license had been granted by the U.S. Commerce Department allowing the spacecraft to be exported to China for its scheduled launching early in 1995. The company used China to launch the first

PLC of Britain, Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. of Hong Kong, and China International Trust and Investment Corp., an overseas investment arm of the Chinese government.

However, some analysts said that APSTAR 2-which would enable TV broadcasters to reach twothirds of the world's population — may have difficulty getting final U.S. export approval because the company that ordered it from Hughes at a cost of about \$150 million is partly controlled by

The company, APT Satellite Co. of Hong Kong, has seven listed shareholders. But Western officials said that APT Satellite was controlled by the three mainland majority shareholders: China Yuan Wang Group, an arm of the Chinese mili-tary's Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense: Ever-Victory System Co., an agency of the Ministry of Aerospace Industry; and China Telecommunications Broad-

export by the U.S. Commerce Dept, the U.S. About the time of News Corp.'s takeover of Star made kickmotor rocket that is attached to the satellite was still covered by sanctions.

The kickmotor enables the satellite to reach its correct orbital position after being put into space. Mr. Dore said that unless the State Department lifted the han, Hughes would have to try to get a kickmotor from a non-U.S. supplier to meet its contractual obligations to APT Satellite.

Satellite, He Kerang, said recently had been moved up to December because all channels on the company's first spacecraft, APSTAR 1, had been "sold out" well in advance of its scheduled

launching in May,
Mr. Dore said that APSTAR I, which is also being built by Hughes, was not affected by sanc-tions because an export license had been approved by the U.S. government before the penalties were put in place by Washington in August.
The late of APSTAR 2 is a matter of intense

commercial as well diplomatic interest because the AsiaSat and APSTAR satellites are being used by rival international broadcasters. Star TV, which was taken over in July by Rupert

other Chinese military and aerospace agencies. Murdoch's News Corp., uses AsiaSat 1 for its panwere also involved in proliferation activities.

Asian TV service. News Corp. is expected to extend its broadcast range and provide back-up that although APSTAR 2 had been cleared for channels by using AsiaSat 2 as well.

TV, five rival international broadcasters announced that they would lease nine channels on

The five were Turner Broadcasting System, of the United States, the parent of CNN television; ESPN sports television; Home Box Office Asia movies, a joint venture between Time Warner and Such a move however, might delay the launching of the APSTAR-2. The president of APT States; Discovery Communications educational ing of the APSTAR-2. The president of APT States; Discovery Communications educational Total Laurence Resident of APT States; Discovery Communications educational Transfer of the President Resident casts Ltd., of Hong Kong the region's leading Chinese language TV broadcaster.

In December, those five and two other leading American multimedia companies said they had agreed to lease 16 channels on APSTAR 2.

Some American critics of China say the dministration should block the export of all U.S. made satellites to that country for strategic rea-

"There is no civilian launch agency in China; there's only the military," said William C. Triplett, a former chief Republican counsel with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in Washington.

### RAID: Blow to North?

particularly sensitive to North Korea's missile project since last May, when the North tested a new, medilieved to be a new model called the

Rodong L landed in the Sea of Japan near the Noto Peninsula. So far, the Japanese investiga- House of Councillors. But it could tion appears focused on two com- lose its five-seat majority if five panies: Annitsu Corp., a mid-sized maker of communication equip-ment, and Yokohama Machinery Trading Company, a small compa-ny that appears to do a lot of busi-back Mr. Hosokawa.

they had been led to believe it was headed to a company in China. The ment by the end of the current officials declined to identify the session on Inn. 29. companies it dealt with, however,

The Socialists opposing the and were reluctant even to describe the capabilities of the equipment At Yokohama Machinery, some combination of single-seat districts one answering the phone hung up as soon as a reporter identified

Though the Japanese press spec-nlated that the equipment could shrugged off the Socialists disar-have helped North Korea develop ray, saying the party was destined the ground-to-ground Rodong I; officials said that they doubted it. The equipment involved, the For-cien Ministry said in what ap-peared to be an effort to reduce anxiety, was better suited to refining the tracking systems of groundto-air missiles. North Korea has those in huge supply: the U.S. De-fease intelligence Agency, in a re-port published in 1991, said that the North has deployed Soviet-sup-plied SA-2, SA-3 and SA-5 mis-

The raids stirred memories of one of Japan's most embarrassing international incidents; the Tochine Co. was convicted of selling machine tools to the former Soviet Union that enabled its navy to build quieter submarines and ships. Toshiba Corp., the parent, denied any involvement, but the United ractis have died in violence since States imposed trade sanctions.

### **MOVIES:** Yakuza Is Cut

Continued from Page 1 crease public disgust with gang-

Under new authority in the 1992 law, the police have shut down many yakuza operations. The national police agency said the number of yakuza members had dropped from about 80,000 to about 50,000 since the law took effect. The local gang offices, with members who proudly wore lapel pins and passed out business cards proclaiming their affiliation, are

olding or going into hiding.

The classic yakuza type have been less visible in daily life.

And now they are due to disappear from the silver screen as well.

Japan's two other major film studies, Toho and Shochiku, gave up gangiand sagas years ago. Toei says the yakuza film to be released this June, "The Man Who Did In the Don," will be its last.

But if the gangsters have gone Bush, in China, Wins bad at the box office, their women are still boffo. Toei's current series "Gokudo no

Tsumatachi," or "Wives of the Ul-tra-Bad," has been one of the few domestic movie concepts to score well in recent years. Long on melo-drama and short on maybem, the movies have hit it big with their sad tales of gang molls who must sit home alone worrying whether their

### India Arrests Muslims In Train Bombings

men will return in one piece.

BOMBAY - Indian policemen arrested 12 Muslims on Friday, one of them a Bombay physician whom police described as their leader, on charges of carrying out a series of train bombings in the last year that killed more than 25 passengers.

Most recently, a series of bombings wrecked trans-India huxnry trains, killing one person and wounding several on the first anniversary Dec. 6 of the destruction of

# Hosokawa Is Wary On Vote

He Won't Predict Reform Bill's Fate

TOKYO - Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, bracing for a make-or-break leadership test in parliament next week, sounded less parnament next week, sounded less confident Friday of winning approval of his plan to overhan! Japan's corrupt political system.

Members of his governing coalition hope to wind up debate on a

package of political reform bills by

Reform Committee of the upper

hednling a vote next week in the

House of Councillors. Committee approval would set the stage for a final vote in a House plenary session. Mr. Hosokawa, who has staked his political future on passage of the bills, would be forced to resign or call elections if

"I can't tell what will happen until the very end," Mr. Hosokawa said at a news briefing on his 56th birthdsy, "I don't think I'd be able to predict the ontcome even five minutes before the vote.

He said his team would try to win over discontented lawmakers in the dominant Social Democratic um-range missale capable of hitting in the dominant Social Democratic Osaka and other parts of western Party and appeal to independents Japan. In the test, the missale, beto support his reform plan.

The eight-group coalition occu-pies 131 of the 252 seats in the House of Councillors. But it could Socialists keep their word and vote against the reforms. On the other hand, some of the 115 opposition legislators could be persuaded to

ness with Pyongyang.

At a news conference at their out of time. The political reform bills, including an anti-corruption law and plans to revamp the discome of the equipment, but said credited electoral system, will die makes they are approved by parliaunless they are approved hy parlia-

The Socialists opposing the package say the new electoral system, which would be based on a and proportional representation. would mean oblivion for their party at the next election.

to break up regardless of political

### China and U.S. Set Paris Talks On Key Issues

BELJING -- China said Friday that Foreign Minister Qian Qichen would meet with Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher in Paris Jan. 24 for talks expected to center on

trade and human-rights issues. The official Xinhua press agency quoted a Foreign Ministry statement as saying the meeting was set "in accordance with an agreement reached between China and the U.S." but did not say what

would be on the agenda. A senior American official traveling with President Bill Clinton said in Moscow on Thursday that Mr. Christopher was likely to warn China it must improve its homenrights record if it wanted to win renewal of its Most Fa-

vored Nation trade status. Mr. Clinton must decide by June whether to renew China's trade status. He said last year that he would do so only if Beijing improved its humanrights practices. If that status is removed, average duties on Chinese exports to the United States would rise to 40 percent from 8 percent

The planned trip comes amid growing concern in Washington that China has made little, if any, progress on human rights in the last year.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry

spokesman on Thursday repeated Beijing's rejection of linkage between trade and human rights, saying China was opposed to discussing "anything irrelevant" when talking about trade.

# Trade Decision Praise

The Associated Press BELJING - Prime Minister Li Peng praised George Bush on Fri-day for "his correct decision to renew China's most-favored-nation trading status," which was one of the most controversial policies of his administration...

The former U.S. president is visiting China as a guest of the government, which is hoping Mr. Bush will pressure President Bill Clinton to renew China's favorable trading status. Mr. Clinton has balked at renewing the trade privileges be-cause of human rights violations in China

### 22 Killed in Algeria Crash Reuters

when a train smashed into a bus . near the town of Mouzaia, 50 kilothe Ayodhya mosque by a Hindu giers, the news agency APS reported. The crash injured 39 people. meters (30 miles) southwest of Al-

privately owned pan-Asian communications satellite, AsiaSat 1, io 1990. AsiaSat 2 will provide television broadcasters with even more extensive coverage extending from Asia and the Middle East

cast Satellite Corp., which belongs to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

A public notice issued by the U.S. State Department when the missile proliferation sanctions were announced in August specifically implicated China's Ministry of Aerospace Industry, and said that

WORK AS USUAL — A municipal worker triuming grass as a South African soldier guarded a roadblocked entrance to Soweto.

# ANC Vows to Even 'Distorted' Wealth Picture

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The African National Congress vowed Friday to redistribute 30 percent of farmland and consider nationalizing some industries to spread wealth

torted and ranks as one of the most unequal in the world - lavish wealth and abject poverty characterize our society," the ANC said in its Reconstruction and Development Program, which was released at a news conThe economic policy document, expected to be ratified by the ANC leadership this month, was drafted with the help of sid, labor and research groups and will play a major

eration Organization have dragged

on, four weeks beyond the planned

Dec. 13 start of Israel's military

pullout from the Gaza Strip and

the West Bank town of Jericho.

Fifty-three Palestinians and 24 Is-

A poll of 1,622 Palestinians pub-

hished this week showed that sup-

port for the agreement continues to

bh, although it has not collapsed

In September, a similar survey

found 69 percent of those ques-

tioned supported the agreement,

and 28 percent opposed it. Now,

according to the survey by the Jeru-

salem Media and Communications

Center, 45 percent support the ac-

The poli also showed a majority

of Palestinians favor the demands

for reform within the PLO, and a

third of those questioned said they are worried that the PLO will "ex-

cord and 40 percent oppose it.

altogether among Palestinians.

the peace accord was signed.

### role in the campaign for the country's first multiracial election April 27. "Our income distribution is racially dis-6 Killed as Israeli-PLO Violence Flares

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service JERUSALEM - Five Palestinians and an Israeli were killed Friday in outhreaks of violence in the West Bank town of Hebroo and near the checkpoint leading to the Gaza Strip.

The separate attacks marked the deadliest day of Israeli-Palestinian sives inside. Two Palestinians were conflict since the signing of the peace accord four months ago.

the Islamic College where it said nades and a machine gun amid the four armed Palestinians were hiding. The army said three of the four

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After a soldier on patrol was shot in the leg late Thursday, the Pales-tinians and Israeli soldiers exthroughout the night as flares illuminated the sky.

Early Friday, the army opened fire on the structure with anti-tank weapons and soldiers threw exploonflict since the signing of the gumned down as they left the building, and two others apparently died from the explosions inside. Israeli siege to an abandoned house near radio said soldiers discovered gre-

were prison escapees belonging to armed with a knife went to the the militant Islamic group Hamas. industrial area at the Erez check-

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point leading to the Gaza Strip. Youssef Ahmed Isleem, a 21-year-old from Gaza's Rimal quarter, changed fire intermittently stabbed an Israeli civilian and then stole his gun, according to the Isracii military. The civilian was hospitalized with moderate wounds.

Mr. Isleem then fired on another Israeli, Gregory Fayzi, 37, a recent immigrant from the former Soviet Union who lived in Ashkelon. Mr. Fayzi was killed instantly. Israelis from the military govern-

ment emerged from a nearby office and opened fire on the Palestinian, Palestinians said Hamas annonnced on the loudspeakers in

Gaza mosques that the attacker was a member of Hamas who carcied out the assault in revenue for Israeli killings of Palestinians. Hamas also took responsibility n a leaflet for an ambush late

Thursday near Hebron that wounded three Israeli soldiers in a The attacks came as talks between Israel and the Palestine Lib-

ercise authority in a bad way when Palestinian self-rule begins.

### Continued from Page 1 has more than enough on his plate.

Assad "keeps the cards very close to his chest" and that although the

### BOG: A 'Magic Word' on Golan? tinian negotiations, he may feel he

Besides, opinion polls suggest meeting with Mr. Clinton is "an opportunity, it is not yet progress."

There are also questions about how fast Prime Minister Yitzhak

Golan Heights. Many of them are convinced that the main reason for Rabin wants to go. Months ago, he had asked for a delay with Syria so der is that fact that their tanks be could focus on the PLO. Given continuing headaches in the Pales-

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# Communist Elected Speaker of Russia's **New Lower House**

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MOSCOW — As Boris N. Yelt-sin gave President Bill Clinton gen-eral assurances that economic re-cluding members of the seconderal assurances that economic re-form would proceed in Russia, the newly elected lower house of the parliament elected Friday an antireform Communist Party stalwart

The vote was another graphic reminder of the political realities facing President Yelisin once Mr. Clinton goes home.

Mr. Yeltsin will provide the first real proof of his intentions when he announces a reshuffled government, perhaps as early as Monday. in which some economic reformers may be demoted and the muchcriticized chairman of the central. bank, Viktor S. Gerashchenko, an open enemy of the reformers, is expected to keep his job.

The new lower house of parliament, or State Duma, had rejected pro-reform candidates for speaker in Thursday's first round, and chose Friday between a Communist, Ivan Rybkin, and an extreme nationalist, Yuri Vlasov, a famous weight lifter.

After Mr. Vlasov announced he would vote for Mr. Rybkin, in order "not to split the nationalist forces," the Duma elected Mr. Rybkin, a leader of the Communist laction in the old parliament.

Mr. Ryhkin, an engineer and professional party bureaucrat from Vnlgograd who is a member of the Agrarian bloc, won 223 votes, the bare majority needed in the 444member Duma, after the pro-gov-

mal agreement than a Ukrainian commitment

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Ukrainian parliament would be any less stub-

born than in the past. Still, parliamentary elec-

tions are scheduled for March 27, and Mr.

Kravchuk may have calculated that new depu-

lies might be more amenable to approving the

agreements, especially after so public an en-

Another accord dealing with the leftover-Cold War arsenal was a pledge from the Ameri-can and Russian presidents that by May 30

none of their nuclear arms would be targeted at

each other, or for that matter at any other

dorsement.

There was no certainty, however, that the

promises from the United States and Russia.

largest reform faction, headed by

Grigori A. Yavlinsky.

Mr. Vlasov, who has published strong anti-Western and anni-Zionist views, as be describes them, in the now-banned ultranationalist newspaper Den, received 23 votes.

Mr. Rybkin was supported by the Communists, the Agrarians and the Liberal Democrats led by a combative nationalist, Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, who got into a fight in the parliamentary buffet Friday.

On Thursday, the upper house, or Federation Council, made up largely of local officials and bureaucrats, elected a Yeltsin ally and a first deputy prime minister, Vla-dimir F. Shumeiko, as its speaker.

As for Mr. Zhirinovsky, who on Thursday angrily withdrew his candidacy as speaker, shouting that "every candidate for speaker must be sent to a psychiatric hospital," he was punched in the face in the Duma restaurant. A St. Petersburg deputy, Mark Goryachev, waiting in the huffet line, apparently re-scated Mr. Zhirinovsky's loud de-mand for immediate service.

As waitresses rushed to Mr. Zhirinovsky, Mr. Goryachev intervened, complaining that he and other deputies had been waiting for some time. Mr. Zhirinovsky then rushed to Mr. Goryachev, telling him to "Shut up!" witnesses told Interfax. Mr. Goryachev then apparently punched him.



Naina Yeltsin welcoming Hillary Rodham Clinton to Moscow STEVEN ERLANGER on Friday with a tour of the Cathedral of the Assumption.

Mr. Clinton, "Of course,

like the job I have.")

United States."

# The Politics of a Forest in Belarus

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MINSK, Belarus - President Bill Clinton's decision to lay a wreath in the Kuropaty Forest, just off the highway from the airport, as he arrives in Minsk has ignited a debate that tells much about Belarus's fragile sovereignty and Soviet-style politics.

The fuss threatens to overshadow Mr. Clinton's six-hour visit here Saturday. The stopover is meant be a quick "thank you" to the former Soviet republic for agreeing to give up all 81 of its SS-25 ouclear missiles, an accord reached without any of the haggling needed to produce a similar pledge in Ukraine.

Kuropary, an ice-covered forest clearing marked by a crude woodeo cross embellished with a circle of barbed wire, is not one of the plentiful memorials in this blood-soaked country to the victims of National Socialist Germany. It is the site of a mass grave of those executed by Stalin's secret policemen from 1937 to 1941, and it is thought to contain as many as 200,000 corpses.

The current government looks at Kuropaty with extreme ambivalence.

When excavation at the site began in 1988. Kuropaty took on symbolic importance for nationalists in their efforts at independence. The archeologist who discovered it. Zyanon Paznyak, is also a leader of the political opposition and regards the current prime minister. Vyacheslav Kebich, as a traitor, accusing him of "conducting a pro-imperial, pro-Russian

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Thus Mr. Paznyak is outraged by Mr. Kebich's latest proposal on the Clinton visit.

Mr. Kebich said in an interview that the presidium of Belarus's Supreme Soviet had decided to ask the White House to schedule Mr. Clinton's visit to Kuropaty last, so that he can first pay his respects at the official Societ-built monument to the victims of Nazism in down-

town Victory Square.

"The presidium thinks a visit to Victory Square first, in honor of all those who fought fascism, and then to Kuropaty would be accepted correctly by the people. Mr. Kebich said.

The wreath-laying is meant to highlight Mr. Clinton's support for faster political and economic change in this nation of 10.7 million. including early elections 10 a legislature that has been in place since 1990, before iodepen-

But for Mr. Paznyak, "the old Communist Party and Supreme Soviet are still in place in

"Kuropaty is a crime committed by their predecessors," he said, "and they hate that Mr. Clintoo will pay respects to this horrible place. this factory of death. It is a symbol of Stalin's genocide and the massacre of our natioo."

A senior Western diplomat said it was unlikely that Mr. Clintoo's schedule would change. "There are certain sensitivities surrounding Kuropaty," he said. "But Victory Square by itself is just pahulum."

Like Ukraine, to the south, Belarus has seen centuries of bloodshed and has been chewed up hy many larger neighbors. Some 1.3 million Belarusians died during the Nazi occupation in World War II, including virtually every Jew and half the population of Minsk. As many as 2 million died here in Stalin's

Belarus, like Ukraine, is trying to build an independent state, but on weaker foundations, with little left of ancient Belarusian culture. Except for the Nazi occupation and a few months of independence after the Russian Revolution, the area has been under the control of Russia since 1772 and was held by Poland and Lithuania before that.

So Kuropaty is also important in the search for symbols of Belarusian nationality. For in-stance, Minsk's cast main street, once oamed for Lenin, is now named for Frantisk Skaryna. horn about 1490. He was Belarusian all right, but he is honored for having printed the first Bible in what was then Lithuania, and he spent

most of his life in Krakow and Prague. Stanislay Shushkeyich, the embattled centrist democrat who is chairmao of the Supreme Soviet, says Belarusians have learned humility from their history, which helps explain the paucity of reform and the willingness to kowtow, if necessary, to Russia.

"We've been beaten so many times and put in such difficult situations, we always think of survival first," said Mr. Shushkevich, a nuclear

### **BOOKS**

### NIES TO THE HEBRIDES

By Margaret Fay Shaw. 150 pages. £12.99. Canongate Press, Edinburgh.

From the lone shieling of the misty

Mountains divide us, and the waste

Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland And we in dreams behold the Hebri-CLINTON: Meeting Crowned With Ukraine Agreement to Scrap Missiles

-- Canadian boating song, anon. series of haunting photographic studies of the islands and their peo-

Reviewed by Robert K. McCabe

HERE is a romance to the Western Isles of Scotland that can stir the blood and spin the heart of even a Midwesterner as stolid as the present reviewer, and the Hebrides netted Margaret Shaw like a bright silver herring when she was still in her youth.

Music-mesmerized since she taught herself at 6 to play the piano the Alleghenies and later enchanted by the Gaelic poetry she discovered a few years later as a schoolgirl in Scotland, she found home in the Outer Hebri-

FROM THE ALLEGHE. des in the luck of her youth and didn't look beyond that. But when I and South Uist. To carry on carpbegan looking over what I had, I

> landed on South Uist as she traveled the remote sharp edges of Scotland, and there she recorded Gaelic songs even then beginning to fade from common memory. Along with her ear for the lift of Gaelic and a growing passion for the Scotland ber ancestors had left generations ago, she brought an awkward old 10-pounder Graflex camera from which she coaxed a ples in that time

oever looked back.

about Uist that just won me, it was into a thriving farm with its own live her life, and in her telling of it like falling in love; it was the island I wanted to go back to." Then, thoughtfully: "Of course, I was not cows and their attendant cats and of the life, and in her telling of it lets us all share that pleasure and that pride. cows and their attendant cats and of laternational Herald Tribune looking for islands. I was looking for a way to live my life."

And that was what she found in

She was in her 20s when she saw that it was a tapestry, that their more details on what particular agwhole way of life was in the songs."

So Margaret Shaw. Scottish heritage quickening, began to make herthe music and lyrics of the lovely self part of that tapestry. "An ember was dying," wrote a reviewer of her first book. 'She blew on it and brought it to life." And with it new life for herself as well. In the mid-1930s, she met and married John Campbell a young Scottish natural-

> course the outs on which the Scottish character is huilt. But where exactly is Canna? Per-

those lovely, wave-battered, near-baps because the book's publisher barren chips of rock: a way of life is Scottish, no need was felt to that led to books and song collec-tions from that rugged world. as well as those splendid photographs. "My first thought," she writes, "was to get the songs down and I

ing: Other readers might wish for riculture magic made Canna prosper, or about the seals and birds and other wild life of the islands. Are there no otters on Canna? And there is little comment at all on the inroads made by the caravan-loads vacationers from the mainland.

But this book after all is an autobiography, not a history or a lament or a pamphlet on scientific ist and writer, collector of Gaelic farming, and as such its effect is to songs and an enthusiastic farmer, carry one far away from urban de-Three years later, they bought the spond into the cold clear air of tiny island of Canna, a scrap of rock lovely Scotland, to stir again those in the sea a few miles south of the dreams of the lovely far-off Hebri-Listen to her: "Of all the islands Isle of Skye. Over the decades that des. Margaret Shaw found exactly I'd visited, there was something followed they turned Canna's lands what she sought, a splendid way to

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### Mr. Clinton called the boy to him: "Come up closely with the person of Mr. Yeltsin. are targeted at the United States. "Do I intend to work with President Yeltsin as long as he embodies Russian democracy and you'll be president of Russia someday." here. Come shake bands with me and maybe A central political issue of the summit meeting came from the East European and Baltic

tion to a market economy." Mr. Clinton said. Later, at the "town meeting," he was asked whether he did not identify Russian reform too

states clamoring to join NATO, a notion that

riles Russia. Mr. Clinton's solution has been to

invite all former East Enropean and Soviet

states to join the North Atlantic alliance in a

vague Partnership for Peace.

Mr. Yeltsin heartily embraced the proposal.

As for the rest of the talks, the Russian leader

acknowledged some differences, evidently on

the question of Russian troop withdrawal from Estonia and Latvia, and on policy toward Bos-

But with Russia in political and economic

turmoil, this was not the time for major foreign

policy or disarmament initiatives. It was the

time to show that America still stood firmly

behind Mr. Yeltsin and reform, even if it was

"Throughout our discussions, I reaffirmed

not ladling out more funds.

Officials agreed that the measure was more the strong support of the United States for symbolic than practical, since it carried no Russia's communicant to democracy and transiverification procedures, and since most missiles tion to a market economy, Mr. Clinton said.

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can be rapidly retargeted. Besides, Mr. Yeltsin has already declared that no Russian missiles

who was involved, that there was excellent chemistry between the two. Beyond that, the conference produced or expedited important achievements - an agreement not to aim missiles at one another, a threeway agreement under which President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine pledged to scrap his country's nuclear arsenal, an agreement to open the U.S. market to Russian uranium — even if

it yielded no magic elixir for Russia's ills.

Yet it is the parliament, elected only a month ago, that most vividiy reflects the grass-roots fury of this vast and turbulent nation, and in particular the mounting anti-Americanism.

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of empire and superpower status, for the pover-

and privation in which many workers find

themselves and for the crudity of nascent capitalism here, with its sleazy products, crooked politicians, swindlers, racketeers and profiteers. Mr. Yehsin has the constitutional powers to sidestep the parliament, but it is still the legislature that can provide the safety valve for the steam of wounded pride, the legislature where new political coalitions will have to be built and isus on grand strategy, if any, achieved,

and the legislature that will serve as the forcing

ISN'T IT ROMANTIC? By Ernst Theimer

New York Times Edited by Will Shortz

ground for the young politicians who will have to provide the answer to the question, After Yeltsin, who is there?

as long as he is the choice of the majority of the people of Russia to be the president?" asked

Students sat transfixed as Mr. Clinton wan-

dered among them, picking questioners him-self, bantering easily with them and introducing

his wife, Hillary, who arrived in Moscow on

The format was a familiar one for Mr. Clinton, and one in which he clearly fell at ease especially after a few questions in English.

What would he like historians to say of him? Would he play the saxophone? ("No. I played for President Yeltsin last night. I have a quota.

one saxophone play per country.") Would be

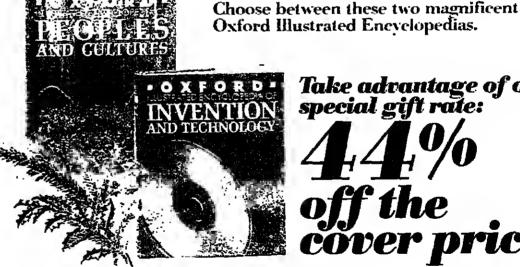
change places with President Yeltsin? ("No, I

A 13-year-old boy, Alexander Fyodorov, re-calling a picture of Mr. Clinton as a teenager shaking hands with the late President John F. Kennedy, asked how old Mr. Clinton was when

he "got the idea to become the president of the

Mr. Clinton and his advisers believe passionately that a slower pace of reform, as advocated by Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, whose star is in the ascendancy here, will only delay the dawn of recovery and prolong the pain. Viewing him as the only viable counter-force to the gradualists, the Americans extract-ed from Mr. Yeltsin a pledge to press on with his redical reform program. They also warned as blundy as good manners permitted that international aid would be forthcoming only if

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Solution to Puzzle of Jan. 8-9

# Clarify the Ukraine Accord

a few of the throwaway lines that American officials spoke about the breakthrough agreement on Ukraine's forsaking a nuclear arse-nal. It is plain that President Leonid Kravchuk faces tremendous parliamentary resistance to the agreement. Nationalists cling to the hope of converting the missiles Ukraine inherited from the former Soviet Union into a Ukrainian-controlled nuclear force. Ukrainians across the political spectrum ask how else, if not by such a force, they can protect their security and independence against a nucleararmed Russia that often shows disdain for Ukrainian statehood. Hence the American readiness to defer to President Kravchuk in

the presentation of the new agreement.

But then we read that the Clinton administration will not reveal some key parts of the agreement, particularly the exact sequence of

In the summit whirl, it was easy to overlook how the warheads will be removed and how long the entire process will take. Nor will it say what U.S. incentives Ukraine has been promised beyond those made public. "It is our position that some elements of the agreen will remain confidential," a senior official said adding that the agreement fixes no time-table to the confidential elements and that

they "could never be publicly released."

What does this mean? Surely it cannot be that President Bill Clinton and his aides are intending to keep secret the text of the American-Ukrainian-Russian agreement. Nothing could more quickly compromise delivery on whatever undisclosed "incentives" — economic? political? military? — the American government has promised to Ukraine to help it accept and promote what are, for it, difficult terms. Clarification is badly needed.

- THE WASHINGTON POST

# **Surrendering to Terrorism**

When governments speak of "reasons of state." look for a squalid act that offends common decency. France will not explain why it brushed off a Swiss extradition request and released two Iranians wanted in Switzerland for the murder of an Iranian dissident. According to the right-of-center government of Prime Minister Edouard Bal-ladur, the reasons are "linked to the national interest." When the Clinton administration protested this breach of anti-terrorism policy, the French interior minister, Charles Pasqua, refused to respond because "I am not an

employee of President Clinton." One has to sympathize with Mr. Pasqua, since the likely explanations for France's action are embarrassing. The possibilities are (!) that France has violated the European Charter on extradition to secure a market in Iran for its high-tech exports; (2) that it has yielded to Iranian threats of terrorism, and (3) that the Balladur government, with an ear to antiimmigrant sentiment, places less value on human life if the victim is a non-European, like

the Iranian dissident who was slain in Geneva.
France's release of the suspects in that killing is especially deplorable since their mal was expected to yield new clues about scores of murderous assaults in Germany, Greece, Austria, Turkey, Italy, Norway, Japan and six other countries. Fortunately, Mr. Pasqua and his prime minister do not speak for all of France. "Appearing to cave in to the threat of terrorism," Le Monde editorialized, "is certainly not the best way to fight it." The opposition Socialist Party has assailed the Balladur

government's "deplorable inconsistency."
Yet the Socialists practiced the same appeasement in 1990, when President François Mitterrand pardoned an assailant who a decade earlier tried to murder former a Iranian prime minister, Shahpur Bakhtiar, A year later Mr. Bakhtiar's throat was cut. Two Iranian suspects were arrested in Switzerland and extradited to France. A trial is supposed to take place this year - if Mr. Pasqua does not discover reasons to free those Iranians as well. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# One Investigation at a Time

An investigation of the Whitewater affair by a special counsel without ties to the Justice Department has now been authorized, but some who want answers in a faster and more public forum demand that a simultaneous investigation be undertaken by a select committee of Congress. We do not agree. The case involves complicated financial dealings among individuals who were not, at the time. federal officeholders. There is no conflict of authority here among the three branches of government. While Mr. Clinton's political opponents may want to see all the charges and countercharges hashed out on national television right now, there is no real need for legislative hearings at this point.

In fact, there is a strong argument that congressional hearings might be counterproductive. Legislators need only recall the history of the Iran-contra probe to see the pitfalls involved when a case is handled in two forums at the same time. Problems arise because Congress and prosecutors have different obev often con hearings are designed to provide a public forum for the gathering of information, while prosecutors strive to accumulate admissible evidence leading to a conviction. All this, it should be remembered, remains wholly in the realm of the hypothetical because neither the president nor anyone else associated with the White House has been accused of any crime. But if a special investigation is to take place, it is prudent to let it play out its course without this particular conflict.

This investigation, it is also wise to remember, does not concern only the president but involves many other people who could be affected by competing inquiries. The Fifth Amendment protects a witness from being compelled to testify against himself. But if Congress wants information badly enough, it can can compel self-incriminating testimony by granting immunity, which forecloses the use of that testimony at trial. It was exactly such an agreement that led to the collapse of the case against Oliver North and the reversal of the conviction of his boss, John Poindexter.

In reviewing these cases, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington set a standard that will make it difficult to use congressional immunity and still preserve a prosecutor's case. The court ruled that all the witnesses who testify before a grand jury or at trial must be examined "line-by-line and item-hy-item" to determine whether they used immunized testimony "to refresh their memories or otherwise focus their thoughts, organize their testimony or alter their prior or contemporaneous statements" before giving testimony in the congressional hearings on television would

find it hard to swear they had no such impact. The court has rightly made it difficult for Congress to circumvent the Fifth Amendment by compelling testimony through immunity. If it turns out that the Whitewater matter involves criminal conduct, prosecutions could be jeopardized by aggressive congressional probers who want the whole story notwithstanding the risk to the criminal proceedings. For now, the investigation should be left in the hands of the independent special counsel. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

# The Smell Around Rollins

Ed Rollins, the Republican political consultant, has seen better days. Nevertheless, be said he was "relieved" when federal and state prosecutors in New Jersey called him a liar this week. One of them observed further that his "racist, insensitive remarks ... poured acid" on bonds between white and black communities. And the Democratic state chairman added that, despite the apparent legality of what Mr. Rollins did, "the ethics of it stinks."

Mr. Rollins managed Christie Whitman's bid to be governor of New Jersey last fall, and then soiled her victory by gloating to reporters about dirty tricks to suppress the turnout for Governor Jim Florio. Mr. Rollins declared that the campaign had paid "street money" to dis-suade black elergymen from giving sermons that encouraged parishioners to vote.

In later testimony, he swore he made it all up. A U.S. attorney and two former state attorneys general have now concluded that he was right the second time, and that there was nothing but braggadocio in his original allega-tions. Several dozen FBI agents, a dozen state investigators and numerous prosecutors were unable to find a single illegal payment. That does not end the stench of this affair. Mr. Rollins may have lied about what the

Whitman campaign did, but he had enter-tained such thoughts. And whether or not there was money for black churches. Mr. Rollins revealed an ugly attitude that black

clergy can be bought.

His underlying proposition was that campaign strategists plot to stifle votes for the other candidate while building support for their own. Vote suppression was also evidently in mind when the state legislature, controlled by Republicans, killed a proposed November referendum on sports betting. They figured gam-bling interests would drum up a huge urban vote, which would help Democrats.

Republican legislators also erred in concocting an antidote for "street money" abuses. Their post-Rollins legislation to curb such wrongs is so clumsily constructed that it will inhibit the altogether legal Election Day chores that both parties need to turn out their woters. Mr. Rollins may be happy that he is only a campaign management and blacks victimized by his boasting are less satisfied. The prosecutors have swept a menacing cloud from Mrs. Whitman's inauguration next week, but not the lingering smell.

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# Clinton's Europe Show: Not a Bad Start

PARIS - President Bill Clinton will return to Washington with his first European journey a success - barring an untoward event in Moscow this weekend. The trip will certainly have been a success in terms of the domestic television spectacular. The real and critical issues were dealt with in ways that satisfied the Washington press, if not the victims of Bosnian war and East European insecurities.

On NATO expansion and Bosnia, Mr. Clinton got what he came for. He got the Europeans to

It was a useful week's work. dispelling doubts that he even had a policy on Europe.

accept the so-called Partnership for Peace, by which NATO is made to seem to expand while which NATO is made to seem to expand white not actually doing so. On Bosnia there was a collective statement by the allies which sounded resolute but was not. However, this was the best any of the Western governments seemed able to offer at this dreadful point in the war.

Mr. Clinton gave U.S. support to whatever survives of the Owen-Stottenberg plan, offering further ethnic partition of Bosnia in exchange for these an offer most military to be accepted by

any of the parties to the war. He pleased the West Europeans by abandon-

ing the ancient but sterile American policy of opposing independent West European defensive measures. The Bush administration and its predecessors ferociously resisted an enlarged security role for the Western European Union. By William Pfaff

the purely European alliance that predates NATO, and development of the French-German Eurocorps of merged military units.

They believed that these European initiatives could weaken NATO and diminish America's leadership role. As the Clinton administration has said that it wants to back off from the costs of leadership, Mr. Clinton and his people, against Washington establishment resistance, have told washington establishment resistance, have the Europeans that the Eurocorps (now incorporating Belgian and Spanish units as well as the Germans and French) is welcome, and that if WEU can take over bigger responsibilities for Europe's defense, that is fine.

Mr. Clinton promised to keep 100,000 mores.

Mr. Clinton promised to keep 100,000 troops on this side of the Adantic, which was also considered very good news in Europe, made anxious by Yugoslavia and the new chill in the wind from Moscow. It is also sound policy because it maintains a solid U.S. strategic position in a crucial place.

The agreement with Ukraine on nuclear war-heads will be another success for Mr. Clinton, if it is actually signed and carried out. It is a success for Russia too, of course, which will be left as the only nuclear power among the former Soviet states.

The trip had the usual gargantuan accompaniment of television and pressuren, which of course

is what it really was about. Every presidential word or gesture or humor was recorded as if it word or gesture or numer was recorded as it it actually mattered, and every staged presidential performance, on or off the saxophone, was transmitted to the folks at home.

Nonetheless, it was a useful week's work by

doubt expressed to me at the start of the week by a Paris political scientist, otherwise disposed to sympathy toward Mr. Clinton, who asked, "Why is it that only Republican administrations have foreign policies?" I reminded him that Democrats were responsible for the Truman Plan and the Marshall Plan, as well as for the Bay of Pigs,

Mr. Clinton. It dispelled some of the European

Vietnam and Cambodia. They had more foreign policy than turned out to be good for them. It is true that since Vietnam the Democrats have seemed transmatized by problems connected to the use of force, but in this they have been faithful to the public's own ambivalences. The Reagan administration left Lebanon like a shot when the American marines there were bombed, and Mr. Reagan and Mr. Bush later confined themselves to intervening only in very small and unwarlike countries, until the Gulf War.

The Democrars' problem with violence is the product of a national transma not yet resolved. Mr. Cinton, in Brussels, seemed more resolute on Bosnia than any of his NATO counterparts, but it is not the United States that has troops on the ground in Bosnia. He could afford to be resolute. The Clinton administration has given itself a European policy where, before, one really did not exist. The policy is composed in part of common-sense judgments on allied relations, and a recog-nition of the American national interest in solid security and economic relations with Europe. But it includes much ambiguity and evasion on the hard questions, and makes a huge gamble of confidence in Boris Yeltsin. It is only a start. But

it is not a bad start. C Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

# If NATO Can't Stop a Milosevic, How About a Zhirinovsky?

WASHINGTON — Bosnia got plenty of attention at the NATO summit in Brussels this week, but the main effect has been to point up the sad inability of the Atlantic alliance to deal with post-Cold War threats -- immediate ones and those

that loom over the horizon. The United States and its allies continue to make clear that they have no response to Serbia's strongman, Slobodan Milosevic, or to his attempts to carve a Greater Serbia out of Croatian and Bosnian territory, using genocide as his primary weapon.

This failure raises serious doubts

as to the resolve and options that NATO would have in facing Russia's potential Milosevic, Vladimir Zhirinovsky. Western capitulation By Stephen W. Walker

in the Balkans emboldens Mr. Zhirinovsky and others like him.

The NATO allies have made the wrong choices in the former Yugoslavia by enforcing an unjust, lop-sided arms embargo against the Bosnians that allowed the Serbs to commit genocide, and by supporting negotiations that encouraged on and "ethnic cleansing. They also have failed to live up to

their commitments -- to enforce the no-flight zone against the Serbs, en-sure delivery of humanitatian assistance, and use air strikes to stop the shelling of civilians. It is time to ask what the United

States and NATO could or would

do differently to prevent or stop Mr.

Zhirinovsky's attempts to restore the Soviet empire or "protect" Russian minorities in Ukraine and the Baltics. If a local Balkan thug can stand up to NATO and the world's last superpower, what might a Russian fascist with a nuclear arsenal

resident enough to try?
President Bill Clinton can contain the hemorrhaging of U.S. and NATO credibility. He should recognize NATO's recent shortcomings and make clear that it must live up to prior commitments and confront present-day threats before it can think about expansion and future challenges. He must lead his NATO colleagues in taking concrete steps

to right the wrongs of Bosnia.

The necessary steps are clear and have been part of U.S. policy at one time or another this year. lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government, enforce the no-flight zone, use air strikes to silence Serbian artillery, and use "all necessary means" to ensure delivery of humanitarian aid.

The State Department has said that more than 4 million lives are at stake this winter in the former Yugoslavia. NATO can ease, if not stop, the suffering.

The writer resigned from the U.S. State Department over policy toward Bosnio. He is currently executive di-rector of the American Committee to Save Bosnia. He contributed this ment to The Washington Post.

# The Uncertainty in China Leaves Japanese on Edge

By Clare Hollingworth

OKYO — The defense of the . Western Pacific, especially of Southeast Asia and Japan, grows ever more vital as the economic strength and potential of the region rise.

But the relaxed atmosphere here in Japan that followed the end of the Cold War has been replaced by anxi-ety and confused thinking on future defense policy. The main points of shared by South Korea and the ASEAN powers (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and the Philippines), are these:

· How far will China extend its military capability? In what direction? And how far will the United States reduce its military presence now that the Cold War is over?

The region now owes its stability largely to the U.S.-Japan security treaty signed shortly after World War II. The presence of the U.S. 7th Fleet as well as American ground forces in Japan and South Korea gives the area a sense of protection, as does the American nuclear umbrella.

But Japan considers the situation in East Asia to be as tense and insecure as it was during the Cold War, a senior Defense Agency official said. Not only is there concern about the North Korean nuclear issue, but China and some Southeast Asian countries are building their military capabilities,

Manassas, Virginia, for cutting off her lover's manhood? Well, now we

know. Both would claim years of abuse (child, marital), invoke self-

defense, and move to acquit Wel-

come to American justice, '90s-style. The Menendez brothers have

been on trial in Los Angeles for five

months for murdering their parents (a mistrial was declared Thursday in

the trial of the younger brother, Erik]; and Lorena Bobbitt in Ma-

nassas for sexually mutilating her husband. Two sensational trials, one

primordial theme. The theme is re-

venge. But since the law does not

recognize revenge as justification for murder and mutilation, revenge is

The Menendez brothers, who af-

ter murdering their parents went on

a spending spree that included Rolex watches and a \$70,000 Possche,

claim they killed out of fear for their

lives. They had been sexually abused

for many years and now their par-

ents were going to kill them.

Lorenz Bobbitt similarly claims

sexual and mental abuse. Although a

jury acquitted her husband in a pre-

vious trial of marital rape on the

night he was attacked, her lawyer

insisted it was "his penis versus her

life" (a stark summation of feminist

victimization theory). The Bobbitt

story becomes a tale of self-defense.

shooting someone who is about to

shoot you, or some variation there-

of. But John Wayne Bobbitt, the

alleged aggressor, was asleep at the

Now, self-defense used to mean

now dressed up as self-defense.

and Russia retains sufficient force to launch a nuclear strike. It will not be easy for Japan to

formulate a new policy, however, until the succession to China's ailing leader, Deng Xiaoping, is firmly es-tablished. The Japanese generally believe that economic and political reformists will prevail in China, but they don't rule out the possibility that take power. Some Japanese businessmen fear that the prosperous southern provinces might break away from the heavy-handed Beijing govern-ment. There is also concern that after China regains sovereignty over Hong Kong in 1997, fewer "friendly" warships will visit the Western Pacific.

Japan is keen to enhance regional security, which is, after all, good for business. Tokyo does not support the talk of transforming the Association of Southeast Asian Nations into a mil-itary alliance, but it hopes to make bilateral defense agreements with members of the grouping. For now, however, the U.S.-Japan security treaty remains of utmost importance to Tokyo, and not just to the Hosokawa coalition government but to the Liberal Democratic Party, now in opposi-tion for the first time since 1955, and

to the powerful bureaucracy. Tokyo's concerns on regional in-Tokyo's concerns on regional in-stability are several: There is worry

The archipelago lies across the di-rect shipping line between Tokyo and

Correctness in Defense of Vengeance

nendez parents were in their TV

room eating ice cream when the

boys came in with shotguns and blew them away. It is an odd sort of

self-defense where only the defend-

er is armed. It is even odder when

however implausible, allows the in-troduction of the most lurid allega-

tions of sexual abuse. These engen-

der sympathy for the defendant and make the dead and the mained

In fact, these are cases not of self-

defense but of revenge. And not just

any revenge. This is politically cor-rect revenge. Wife and child abuse are the crimes of the day. Fighting them, avenging them, indeed just exposing them are deemed acts not

just of courage but of high purpose,

empowering the poweriess.

Hence Vanity Fair runs a sultry
photo spread of Lorena Bobbitt and

declares her "a national folk hero-

ine." Imagine that, say, some elderly

man, having long been abused by his wife, grabbed a knife and, Bobbitt-

like, cut off her breasts. Is it possible

to imagine such a man becoming a

national folk hero? Of course not.

His crime would be seen not as

an act of liberation, but as a mere

When Attorney General Janet

Reno was confronted at the press conference following the Waco di-

saster with the consequences of the attack she had ordered on the

Branch Davidians, what was her

But the claim of self-defense,

only the defender is awake.

look like monsters.

WASHINGTON—What if Ocdipus went on trial in Los
Angeles for murdering his father?
And what if Delilah were tried in time he was attacked. And the Mo-



about North Korea's ability to deliver a nuclear strike as far as Japan. The feeling is that only with Chinese help can Pyongyang be persuaded not to produce nuclear weapons. That help has been lacking.

Japan is deeply worried about the future of the Spratty Islands, which are believed to be rich in oil and natural gas. China, Vietnam, Taiwan, the Phil-ippines, Indonesia and Brunei claim some or all of the island chain.

first reaction? She said that she had

received information about child

abuse among the Davidiana. She subsequently backed off the claim. Yet her initial reaction was

revealing. Faced with more than

85 dead, she invoked the crime of

the day, the most politically and

child abuse. It may have been a slaughter, but think of what it was

meant to stop.

This is essentially what the Menendez brothers and Mrs. Bobbitt

are saying. These two trials, truly mythic in scope, get us down to very basic things. The defense in each

would overturn perhaps the most fundamental principle of law: that

the law does not sanction revenge.

Indeed the very purpose of law is to

put an end to revenge.

The point of a criminal trial is to

take retribution out of the hands of

the victim and of the relatives. The

purpose of criminal law is to tran-

scend personal revenge by meting out justice in public forums, ac-cording to publicly agreed criteria, adjudicated publicly by disinter-ested parties.

The Menendez and the Bobbitt

cases -- assuming the tales of previ-

ous victimization are true - repre-

sent attempts to justify the most

primitive revenge under the guise of self-defense. If they succeed we will

have taken political correctness to

its ultimate extreme, to the point where for those who claim political-

ly correct victimization, the laws no

longer apply. Vengeance is the Lord's — and Lorena's.

Washington Post Writers Group.

ychologically explosive charge e could level at David Koresh:

the Indian Ocean. Disturbances there could disrupt vital supplies of oil from the Gulf. Although Beijing claims sovereignty over all the is-lands, the various claimants have agreed to settle the dispute without resort to force. The Japanese would be particularly alarmed, however, were the United States to reduce the size of the 7th Fleet.

The Defense Agency in Tokyo be-came deeply alarmed not long ago when Beijing spoke openly of purchasing an aircraft carrier from Ukraine. But budgetary problems in China, and a shortage of skilled engineers end technicians proved a hindrance, The Japanese news media have

largely overlooked a report which Tetsuo Maeda, a leading military analyst, says is "shaking up to be a Clinton Doctrine for Asian security." In a speech July 10 to the South Korean National Assembly, the president proposed a U.S.-led multilateral security system to replace bilateral security arrangements with America's alice. This could eventually anament of the Proposed at the Proposed States and the Proposed States lysts claim, "supersede" the U.S. Ja-pan alliance. There is little enthusiasm now for the project. But perhaps someday, when it is known which way China is going Japan will consider the Clinton Doctrine.

International Herald Tribune.

# In Any Case, Let Him Not Say Thanks

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — On Sunday, the president of the United States will enter a conference room in Geneva and shake hands with Hafez Assad president of Syria, one of the world's most experienced negotiators.

Mr. Assad is also one of the world's

most experienced killers. Does that matter? Should it matter enough to Bill Clinton to shape what he says to Mr. Assad?

Judging by body count, Mr. Assad is probably the world's champion killer still in practice. Mostly he kills Syrians. Over a few particularly fruit-ful days in 1982 he killed about 20,000 of them in one city alone. Such opportunities do not come

along every day. But since he has been in total power for about 25 years, Mr. Assad has done away with as many people who expressed dissar-isfaction with his rule as suited his fancy. God knows how many. But no human estimate is possible. Nor can anybody give the number

of Syrians he has put to torture by his secret police. But the number who live under police control with no right to talk, write or assemble in freedom

to talk, write or assemble in freedom is easily estimated — 15 million, which is the population of Syria.

All the while, Mr. Assad has been able to extend his killing field outside Syria by housing, training and arming about a dozen terrorist groups from around the Middle East.

Mr. Clinton and the Syria Depart. Mr. Clinton and the State Depart-

ment believe that because of the honor of meeting with the president of the United States, the president of Syria will do kindly things toward

making peace with Israel.

And certainly the Israeli government, having decided that for peace it must deal with Palestinians it once fought as killers of Israelis, has no objection to Mr. Cimton dealing with a man who mostly kills Syrians. Some Americans obviously do not think Mr. Assad's record is a paramount matter. Richard Murphy, for-mer U.S. ambassador to Syria, wrote an Op-Ed piece for The New York Times (IHT, Jan. 14) on the importance of dealing with Mr. Assad, without a solitary word about Mr.

Assad's style of government, let alone his taste for killing and terrorism. He treated him as if he were prime minister of Denmark or some such place.
At a Washington seminar on the Clinton-Assad meeting, three former high U.S. diplomats speaking for an hour and a half never mentioned Mr. Assad's penchant for murder and tor-Assact's penchant for murder and tor-ture. I guess it is a matter of taste and beliefs. Mine lead me to nausea when I see a U.S. president.—Mr. Clinton or Presidents Nixon, Carter or Bush before him — travel to honor and pump up a man who established; Syr-ia on the small, select U.S. list of terrorist nations.

It is difficult to see any other lasting result from the meeting than to demean the United States, Mr. Clinton and his political values and to bolster Mr. Assad's. If Mr. Assad why else than for his own prestige does he need the presence of the

American president? Secretaries of state have ears and mouths, Must U.S. presidents be presented before the Syrian dictator to satisfy his ego and his status in the Middle East? 1

People who understand Syria's president say that anything he does after the Chnton visit will be exactly what he would have done without it. Maybe Mr. Assad will get around to keeping his broken promise to let all Syrian Jews leave the country.

I hope President Clinton does not say thank you but says instead that it would have been better if Mr. Assad had allowed Jews and other Syrians to stay without fear in their own homeland.

Mr. Assad's concession might be to accept the idea of a phased Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. In exchange he may graciously agree to discuss just what he means by peace with Israel — like embassies and trade, not just a piece of paper and occasional cool nods.

If Mr. Clinton has some time for a

little reading before he sees Mr. Assad I suggest the report of Middle East Watch, a committee of Human Rights Watch. The subjects covered: Human rights workers get long prison sentences. Thirty-year state of emergency. Prolonged detention without charges or trial. Prisons off limits to scrutiny. Kurds and Palestinian minorities — discrimination and persecution. Torture and death

Put together, they would make an interesting agenda for Mr. Clinton to present, after wiping his hand. The New York Times.

# IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: An Imperial Critic BERLIN — The case of Professor

won Sybel, who has just resigned his post as Chief of the State Archives, confirms the strained state of the relations between the Emperor and the ex-Chancellor [Prince Otto von Bismarck]. The refusal of the Emperor to give this celebrated historian the Verdan prize was prompted by a desire to administer a lesson to him on account of the "Bismarckian tendencies" of his work, "The Founding of the German Empire Under William the First." The title alone was sufficient to displease the young Emperor, who thought that it should have been by and not under William the First.

1919: China 'Saves Face'

PARIS - The decision taken at the meeting of the Supreme War Council to admit two Chinese delegates at the Peace Conference settles an issue which for weeks has been causing friction between the two great nations of the Far East. China desired three delegates at the Peace Conference, Japan was opposed to any direct representation by the Chinese. By the decision which admits the Chinese the Government of China gets less than it hoped for, but it has won a diplomatic victory and "saved face" by having a direct voice at the peace table.

### 1944: A Silent Plane?

LONDON - From our New York edition:] A lone enemy plane slipped through London's air-raid defenses last night [Jan. 14] and dropped a bomb on a crowded motion-picture theater in a suburban business area, killing seven persons and injuring thirty-one. No alert was sounded, and there was immediate speculation that the Nazis might have a new type of almost noiseless place. It was the first time in several years that an enemy plane was known to have pen-cirated suburban London without arousing the disligate coast defenses of the radio location system.

# In Syria, a Trip Through Time

ARIS - There is an irresistible lure to the scrutiny of the very distant past and objects fingered by humans many thousands of years ago. They speak of ancient creeds and are, for some, covered with scripts long forgotten.

Fred Brown of Color of State (1985) All the Color of the

Syrie, Memoire et Civilisation." at the Institut du Monde Arabe

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until April 30, allows a dizzying trip through time. Syria is arguably the oldest civilization in the world. with a continuous linguistic development in the same area doenmented in writing from the middle of the third millennium B. C.

But art begins very much earlier, around 8000 B. C. It starts with the small figure of a woman holding up her breasts. It was backed from a block of white stone by a craftsman from an unknown culture, groping for the shape with difficulty. The theme must have haunted the communities that lived in that part of the world. Three millennia or so later, small earthenware figures of women lifting their breasts, this time in seated posture, were being molded. The fumbling feel is gone. The sculpture is primitive but skillful in its own terms.

Artistic skill had undoubtedly arrived. In the Palmyra area, some-thing like the first classical age of mankind dawned, if classicism is defined by mastery of form, proportion and material. The timy head of a kind of field rat carved out of marble is astounding for its subtly mod-ulated planes and its suggested expression of fearful alertness. A mere 2.5 centimeters long (1.1 inches), the object - made to be hung, the back of the head is carved with a loop to it - ranks among the early world masteroieces of animal art.

Another piece requiring great skill was created by the same culture. The small stone bowl with low rounded. walls would satisfy the most demanding collector of sophisticated porcelain from Song China. The admirable shape seems to herald some of the metal bowls of the early ismore modestly in the Akkadian

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huge as to make the parallel appear to be pure coincidence.

The stone bowl raises, as do other works of art in the show, one of the most clusive yet compelling questions in the history of old cultures: To what degree is there not just a continuity through different phases, but a permanence of aes-thetic perception? In the most distant periods, continuity is hard to verify because little survives. Looking at some small cylinder-seals carved around 3200 to 3100 B. C. in Northern Syria, one is struck by a kind of classical perfection. The sense of proportion, the subtle modeling are there in a tiny scale, as they were in the field-rat head 2,600 years earlier.

By the third millennium B. C. large-scale sculpture was well es-tablished. It drew on the models of Sumer, in what is now southern Iraq, for its iconography. But in its artistic feel it could look strikingly different. The wide-eyed alabaster figure of Ishgi-Mari, king of Mari, around 2500 B. C. is the closest that Syrian art came to that of Sumer. But the frozen unsmiling face belongs to another world.

Some 400 years later, the statue of a king called Ishtup-llum was carved out of black basalt standing in the same posture as Ishgi-Mari. The eyebrows are raised as if in ghastly surprise. Bags under the eyes, deep furrows running from the nose to the lips drawn downward convey a mixture of weariness and anxiety. There is none of the screnely illuminated smiles of Sumerian art here.

About 300 years separate the royal statue from the seated digni-tary found in a temple at Ebla. The eyes look wider than ever, the lips are pursed, the distranght stare is salt figure of the ninth century probably deliberately so.



Statue of Ishtup-Ilum.

version that could be read by his Assyrian overlords, stands with much the same expression as Ishtup-llum in the 22d century B. C. made more moving by an archaistic. The stare, the furrows of anxiety, rigidity. As time went by, there may the lips bitterly drawn down can be have been a conscious return to the recognized. The archaistic stylization of the hairdo underlines the past to conjure up these images of tion of the hairdo underlines the more anxiety. A monumental ba-

teams project a cartoonist's vision of subjects as grave as war - : soldier trampling upon the body of an enemy — or mythical beings loaded with a religious symbolism.

These characteristics of the Syrian vision persisted through the most sweeping stylistic changes. They survived even Alexander's conquest and the adoption of Hellenistic conventions. In the marble statue of a woman in drapes from Apamea, the sad expression, which drags down the extremities of her lips, echoes faint memories of past

The metamorphosis could also be quite radical. The casss of Palmyra and its multiple schools of sculpture from the first century A. D. on bear witness to the vigor of the Syrian vision. A funerary bas-relief shows two brothers full front, with big eyes hypnotically staring and studing faintly. With its stylized curly hair, one of the two could almost be an apostle in relief attached to some 12th-century silver reliquary from Medieval Enrope.

Another bas-relief found in a pit under the temple of Bel probably dates from A. D. 25. Squat figures wear drapes stylized rhythmically as they were at Persepolis in the sixth century B. C. Their heads are surrounded by huge halos of radiant light later adopted by Christian Europe. The stares and the frozen smiles retain something of the distant second millennium B. C. They also herald Romanesque figures of 12th-century France, perhaps not by coincidence. The Crusaders spent more than 200 years in those areas, determined to impose their reading of a message that Jesus had preached in Aramaic, the language of all Semitic lands at that point.

The show barely skims the surface of Syrian art in the Byzantine period, to which its contribution, ntierly different from that of Christianized Greece, has yet to be ac-

# A Sorcerer's Couture Photo Op

As Shows Start, Reaching the Media Is the Message

By Suzy Menkes
International Herold Tribune

ARIS - The would-be king is surrounded by his entourage and a handful of respectful reporters. The blonde with the sly smile and stunning legs is mobbed by TV cameramen, photographers and reporters. That old Chuck and Di story? No, this is Karl Lagerfeld being upstaged by the supermodel Claudia Schiffer. The press conference that Chanel gave Friday at the new underground fashion complex

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at the Louvre was supposed to raise the veil on the spring-summer couture shows that open Saturday. Instead it became a French farce as lenses focused on Schiffer and two supposed rivals and Lagerfeld parried in French, English and German questions like "Are you here to announce Claudia's retirement" or "Will Claudia be wearing short skirts this season?"

La Schiffer said that at 23 she was too young to bow out, and showed off her new outfit: chaste navy pants, a red tweed jacket and shapely bodice fastened with a zipper. A zipper? In haute couture? Oh, just for the show, explained a Chanel spokesman, to protect the ample bosoms in case they pepped out. Darn, another missed photo opportunity.

The event seemed a microcosm of couture today, when reaching the media is the mes-sage. Chane's stunt had originally been planned to counteract the publicity given to other houses that agreed to participate in the simultaneous transmission by satellite of cou-ture shows to the United States. Jacques Mouclier, president of the Chambre Syndicale, announced Tuesday that the deal was off because Event Media, the American organization, had failed to come up with the first payment. A ringside seat at the runway was

apparently a tough sell.

Screening the shows like a boxing match had been designed to defray costs in order to lure designers to the Louvre and its four purpose-built halls off a glossy shopping mall, with its inverted glass pyramid. But here, too, lies controversy. Yves Saint Lau-rent, Christian Lacroix and Valentino rejected the Carrousel du Louvre as unsuited to the spirit of couture.

Meanwhile, Pierre Cardin, the most publicity-seeking of designers, shows Monday to 120 clients and only 10 hand-picked journalists, with all photographers banned. Cardin claims that he wants to take couture back to the privacy of 30 years ago and is determined to protect his 150,000-franc dresses from copyists. At the press conference, Lagerfeld responded by saying that was "like a woman with no lovers asking for the pill."

Mile-a-minute Lagerfeld also said that he would do the costumes for a Francis Ford like sequins do not secure the future of a hut there was no official denial.



Lagerfeld with Claudia Schiffer (left) and rival models at the Louvre.

Coppola film of "Pinocchio"; that new young clients of couture were flooding in, and that he was not at all discomforted by the success

of the supermodels.

Tm the sorcerer's apprentice — nobody pushed those girls as much as I did, and I would like people to look at the clothes while I disappear into the shadows," he claimed.

Surprisingly, the elient side of couture is on a roll. Giancarlo Giammetti of Valentino, based in Rome, says that orders were up 30 percent for the fall-winter season. Lacroix already has three major wedding-dress com-missions to complete immediately after his show Sunday. Gianni Versace, showing Satorday, says that he has picked up Mexican clients. All the houses cite mega-rich Latin American clients (mostly from Mexico and Venezuela) plus the return of the Lebanese, as the catalysts for the sudden boost.

It is the paradox of couture that new young clients with half a million dollars to scatter

house. The only point of mounting a show-biz spectacular is for the worldwide coverage. In an attempt to reinforce its strong position in Asia (60 percent of sales) Guy Laroche has taken Michel Klein as its new designer. Another newcomer this session is the 30-yearold Gerald Watelet, a Belgian couturier, who

shows Wednesday.

Hubert de Givenchy, flush with the \$26 million sale of his furniture at Christie's in December, shows Tuesday — while the house's president, Richard Simonin, is considering how to handle Givenchy's retirement in 1995. Yves Saint Laurent has recovered from pneumonia and from his clash with France's champagne growers, whose injunc-tion against the use of the name "Champagne" for fragrance proved a publicity coup. According to financial sources in London. Investcorp is in discussion with Bernard Arnault to purchase Céline. A company spokesman said Friday that the story was a rumor.

# Helmut Newton, Ever Provocative

By David Galloway

MAMBURG - With than 200 works that will be on tour in Europe throughout 1994, Helmat Newton has again confirmed his ability to provoke shudders of mor-

al outrage. Predictably, it is not his celebrity portraits or his quirky high-fashion scenarios that prompt the recoil, but his mabashed celebration of the female nude. Germany's feminist press has launched a frontal attack on Newton's flesh-mongering exploitation of women, often equipped with sadomasochistic ac-cessories, and his voyemistic "key-hole documentaries" of crotic ex-

What such critics are wont to overlook is the power of Newton's subjects, who include the body builder Lisa Lyon. Strong, self-as-sertive and posed, his life-sized "Big Nudes" may be the expression of male fautasy, but they are hardly its defenseless victims.

And if viewers are disconcerted by his fantasies, the photographer is unfazed. "It means I've me to shake them out of their lethargy," he said:

Part of Newton's success as a fashion photographer is that he nicates the inherent croticism that is a guiding principle of haute countre. The point is underscored by a pair of works from 1981 entitled, "They Come Dressed" and "They Come Node," in which a quartet of models strike classical-ly-blase runway poses — first clothed, then unclothed, but still wearing the spike-heeled shoes that are an indispensible accessory in

Newton's view of female sexuality. "Brescia Dressed 11:00 A. M." and "Brescia Undressed 12:30 P. M." vary the motif with a single model descending a staircase. Here, however, the outdoor setting in-trudes a surrealistic note through the abbreviated shadow cast by high-noon mudity.

Voyeurism is an aspect of his work that Newton readily grants, pointing to his admiration for the invasive achievements of the paparazzi, as well as to Brassar's nocur-

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Newton photo (detail) of Yves Saint Laurent design.

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of Paris. In his "Self-Portrait, Valentino Place," the trench-coated photog-rapher literally becomes the ob-server of his straddle-legged model — a self-ironizing "dirty old man" motif that recirs in the "Study of Voyeurism" that Newton produced for Playboy magazine in 1989. Here, as so often in his work, mirrors offer tantalizing glimpses of figures outside the camera's range. It is simultaneously a voyemistic

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and a narcissistic device that New-

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sions when they look at them-serves," he explains. "They lose themselves in their own image." tricks of the trade in Berlin, where in 1936 he became an apprentice to Yva, one of Germany's foremost So, too, do many of Newton's fashion and portrait photogra-male subjects. In 1987, in a kind of phers. As a Jew, be was soon forced reprise of Dorian Gray, Newton produced a portrait of the painter

Botero, brush in hand and staring into a canvas-sized mirror propped on an easel. Because Botero is joined Monte Carlo His work is both inconsistent and, here by a protective companion, the image loses something of the terrifying intimation of mortality that is almost palpably present in New-ton's study of the actor Helmut Berger, made in 1984. Berger stands, mide, before a minured fireplace warmed by an artificial fire and looking over his shoulder to admire his own reflection. Because he favors real settings, the erotic dimension of Newton's

celebrity exposès can sometimes be unintentionally, even comically, diverted by the clutter of everyday life. Cozy domesticity undercuts the secuality in Newton's view of Berger, where a prissily correct flower arrangement dominates the

Like Andy Warhol, whose sex-part Polaroids amount to a genital "Who's Who," Newton has a talent for persuading his subjects to let it all hang out. "My role as a portrait photographer," he asserts, "is to seduce."

to flee the Nazis, beginning an od-yssey that took him from Germany to Australia, Paris, New York and

at moments, cariously flat. In com-parison to Robert Mapplethorpe, Newton's idea of an erotic binge seems more like a Girl Scout bakeoff. His celebrity portraits are sometimes inspired, as in the view of Natassia Kinski offering her breast to a Marlene Dietrich doll, but many seem curiously routine. And in Newton's study of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor's resem-blance to a beached whale is the stuff that gives parody a bad name. Neither humor nor humanism number among Newton's conspicuous

"Helmut Newton" is at Ham-burg's Deichtor Halls through Jan. 23: the Josef Albers Museum in Bottrop, March 6-May 15; the Photography Museum in Wintershur, June 10-Aug. 21, and the Castello di Rivoli in Turin, October-December.

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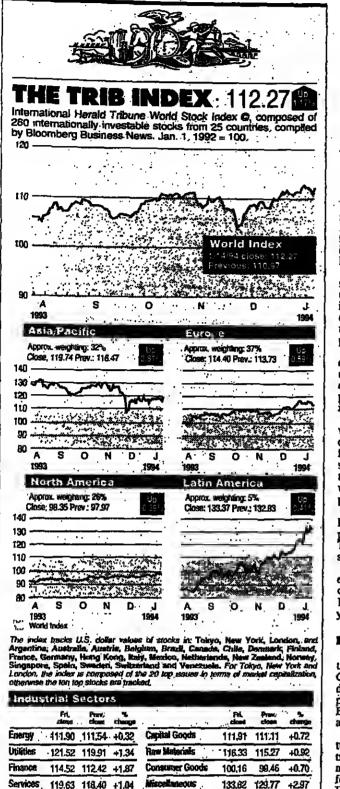
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# **Olivetti** To Seek Capital

### Firm to Raise Up To \$1.2 Billion

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN — Just months after a massive cash call. Olivetti SpA said Friday it would ask shareholders for a mandate in make new capital

increases up to a total of 2 trillion lire (\$1.2 billion).

The Italian computer company said it would seek the right to raise up to 1 trillion lire in new share ssues and I trillion lire in bonds over the next five years. The capital-raising exercises could take place in more than one step.

The information industry is today in a process of profound age which requires extremely quick reactions on the part of com-panies." Olivetti said in announc-

Last March, when Obvetti said it was seeking 903 billion in fresh capital — an amount analysts found alarmingly large — its stock slumped nearly 20 percent as inves-tors dumped shares. In June, Olivetti raised 891.6 billion, about 98 percent of its goal.

The computer maker also said Friday that its sales increased 7.3 percent last year, to 8.6 trillion lire. That was the company's first rise in sales since 1990. Olivetti gave no details about its

earnings last year. In the first half of the year, it had a pretax loss of 168.1 billion lire, nearly double the year-earlier level. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

BCI Sale Is Set

Despite election uncertainties and the resignation of Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, Italy on Friday pressed on with its privatization plans by announcing the sale of Banca Commerciale Italiana, news agencies reported from Rome.

The board of state holding Istitnto per la Ricostruzione Industriale approved the sale of its entire (Knight-Ridder, Reuters) venture. Harris is to build transpontransmissions — using hand-held

# Swatch for This Car Who'll Help Build Hayek's Dream?

By Jacques Neher Invernational Herald Tribune

PARIS - Is the Swatchmobile ticking towards reality, or just marking time?

The concept for a low-priced, stylish, environmentally correct car for the world's masses bas been promoted by Nicolas Hayek over the past three years as the automotive equivalent of the Swatch watch he turned into an international marketing phenomonon in the late 1980s.

After being spurned a year ago, when Volkswagen AG pulled out of a joint venture to bring the Swatch car concept to market, Mr. Hayek, chairman of SMH AG, promised he would announce a new partner. First he was going to do it within weeks, then within months, then by the end of the year. In fact, 1993 ended with no announcement trom

company headquarters in Bienne, Switzerland. Mr. Hayek now says an announcement of a deal. with "either a European or American automaker"

will come "by the end of February" and that the Swatch car will be on the market by "1996 or 1997." With stockholders in SMH beginning to wonder about their investment, Mr. Hayek, a pro at media relations, is making sure that his idea stays alive in the public imagination, perhaps, analysts suggests to nudge forward an accord with a would-be auto-

motive partner. On Friday, the German newspaper Die Welt described the first test-drive of the car - featuring a hybrid gasoline-electric power drive - and reported that General Motors Corp. and Mercedes-Benz AG were "the favorites" among auto companies talking with Mr. Hayek.

Mr. Hayek would not comment on the report. saying that "I've seen everyone but Volvo and

Toyota named as our partner."

A spokesman for General Motors Europe in Zurich would not comment, but Mercedes-Benz categorically denied it was talking with Swatch.

Mr. Havek said he had tried to get two mystery car enmpanies to join with SMH in a three-way joint venture, but that they were hostile in the idea of working together. As a result, be said he now was waiting "for one

of them to choose us."

He said the discussions focused on a plan for SMH and the automaker in be "equal partners" in the equity of the joint venture, which would produce the Swatch car at new or existing auto plants in Europe and the United States.

Mr. Hayek said his engineers and nutside automotive consultants for the past year have been working on three different approaches that have been applied to "20 tn 30" prototype models,

The overall concept, be said, calls for a car costing about 16,000 Deutsche marks (\$9,150). It would feature low pollution emissions thanks to a bybrid system of battery and gasoline-powered motors that give buyers the range "to drive from Paris in Nice without stopping for a charge," be said. That is about 900 kilometers (550 miles).

Die Welt described the car as having an aluminum chassis and a fiberelass body with a "paint job" consisting of a foil that is melted onto the frame and can be easily removed for replacement

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# Phone Space Race Heats Up

By Richard Covington Special to the Herald Tribune

Westinghouse Electric Corp. and group of partners will announce Monday that they are joining the race among telecommunications companies to capture the satellite telephone market, according to company executives.

Under a contract with Ellipso, a satellite company in Washington, Pittsburgh-based Westinghouse will supply antennae, radar and other ground-station equipment, said Gerald Helman, an executive of Ellipso's parent company.

majority stake, which will be of-fered on the market by the end of February. IRI currently holds 57 child Space, a U.S. subsidiary of percent of ordinary shares and 42 Matra-Hachette of France, in part-percent of the bank's savings stock. nership with Elipso's \$700 million

ders and the communications payload, and Fairchild the satellites.

Ellipso's venture will make a competitive field even more crowded. Six players, including Motorola Inc., TRW Inc., Loral-Qualcomm and Ellipso, aspire to blanket the globe with mobile phone service via satellite, starting as early as 1997. The networks are targeting devel-oping nations, where phone cover-

According to a report by Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd, the brokerage arm of Barclays Bank, half the world's population lives more than

two nours from a telephone.

The projected satellite networks are known as "big LEOs." for lowearth orbit. They will offer all the tions expert with Mitre Corp. options of terrestrial systems - based in Bedford, Massachusetts, voice, facsimile, data and paging

cellular phones that communicate directly with a satellite or a ground station-satellite combination.

One major advantage to the big LEO systems is a marked reduction in the persistent echoes that make phone conversation via satellite so frustrating. Since they operate in lower orbits than geostationary satellites, there is a briefer time delay for the signal to bounce from earth to satellite and back again.

The cellular phones themselves will cost between \$800 and \$1,000. For users who already have a cellu-lar phone, the add-on device to convert to satellite use will run around \$300.

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# **Factory Output And Confidence** Surge in U.S.

WASHINGTON - American factories last year made their biggest production gains in five years, the government said Friday, as as-sembly lines speeded up in the fourth quarter to meet growing

Industrial output rose 0.7 per-cent in December and 4.2 percent in the full year, the largest annual gain since 1988, the Federal Re-

serve Board reported. Meanwhile, consumer confi-dence as measured by the University of Michigan's index soared this month to 95.8, the highest reading in more than four years from 88.2

Puts Cap on in December.

"The economy is in a deeply seated recovery," Charles Lieber-man, an economist at Chemical Securities in New York, said. There's very little possibility of this economy veering back into re-cession." Stock prices jumped in response to the news, but the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell as bond traders feared the stronger economy would bring higher inflation. Near the end of trading, the bond was down 15/32 at 99 12/32, where its yield was 6.30 percent, up from 6.26 percent on Thursday,

American industries were running at 83.5 percent of their capacity in December, the Fed said, com-pared with 83 percent the month before - an increase that caused some concern among economists.

It is a rule of thumb among some economists that when industry's capacity-utilization rate hits 85 percent, manufacturers tend to feel substantial pressure to raise prices in response to higher labor costs and shortages of materials.

But analysis were quick to add that they thought special factors would keep inflation relatively low through 1994. That, they said, was becuase more and more of the work manufacturers do is performed by machines, labor is still relatively cheap because of weak growth in employment and incomes, and factories outside the United States are

The Labor Department reported Thursday that retail prices for goods and services rose a modest 0.2 percent in December and 2.7 percent in all of 1993, the lowest full-year inflation in seven years.

The pickup in industrial producunn is being fueled by the auto and housing industries. Car sales have risen 25 percent since August. (UPI, Bloomberg,

# Intervention Dollar's Rise

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - The dollar rose in European trading Friday, reaching a high of 1.7580 Deutsche marks before recreating amid reported central bank intervention.

Traders said dollar-selling by European central banks and nervousness ahead of a three-day weekend in the United States were the reasons the currency had retreated. But many said they expected it to rebound and to go still higher, at least against the mark.

In New York, the dollar fell to 1.7503 Deutsche marks, down from 1.7513 DM at Thursday's close, and to 110.95 yen from 111.85 yen. It was unchanged at 1.4785 Swiss francs, but continued to gain slightly against the French franc, rising to 5.9415 from 5.9385. The British pound fell to \$1.4935 from \$1.4970.

Traders said the Bundesbank was selling dollars to slow the currency's rise. They also said the in Basel, Switzerland, was selling the currency. The German central bank and the BIS did not comment. The Bank of France also was:

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# Who's Minding the Store?

By Anthony Williams

RANKFURT—The role of the bankers who supervise German industry has come under scrutiny as critics ask why Metallgesellschaft AG, one of the country's largest companies, was allowed to drift to the brink of bankruptcy. Germany's bankers have a powerful say over

companies through their seats on the supervisory boards that hire and fire top executives and approve major corporate decisions.

While the bankers protest that they can pass judgment only on the basis of information received

from management, one business weekly has suggested that the system is breaking down. The magazine Wirtschaftswoche noted that Me-tallgesellschaft's supervisory board had voted unanimously to extend the contract of the company's chief executive, Heinz Schimmelbusch, in No-

vember, only to decide, again unanimously, to

dismiss him a month later.

When Germany's supervisory boards fail, then they do so unanimously," the magazine said.

Otto Lambsdorff, a former economics minister, said this week that the cozy relationship between supervisory and managerial boards meant that executives had been left to act more or less as they

pleased. Even critics of the system acknowledge that no supervisor can be immune to the sort of criminal machinations that have led to major scandals at

German companies in the past.

But it is the extent of Metaligesellschaft's massive operating losses, which came to light only after

Mr. Schimmelbusch was fired, that critics say is mr. Schimmenbusch was lited, that dates say is most workying from the point of view of supervision by the bankers. The company's new chief, Karl-Josef Neukirchen, says about half of the 1.8 billion Deutsche mark (\$1.03 billion) loss for the

financial year ended Sept. 30, came from normal operations, with the rest attributed to the oil deals. Hans Peter Wodniok, a Frankfurt financial analyst, said part of the problem lay in Mr. Schimmel-busch's charm and his ability to market both himself and the company he took along a path of headling expansion after he became chief execu-tive in 1989.

Mr. Schittmelbusch had covered up weaknesses at the company by convincing the supervisory board that extraordinary earnings from sales of subsidiaries and real-estate were operating profits. "I think the supervisory board was too credulous," Mr. Wodniok said.

Michael Broker, an analysi at Bank Julius Baer, said that the supervisory board "accepted Schim-melbusch's policy of expansion and diversification for too long." It should have asked why internal restructuring measures were making only very slow progress, he said.
Mr. Lambsdorff, economic affairs spokesman of

Germany's Free Democratic Party and president of an investors' lobby group, also referred specifically to the operating losses.

You have to ask Where were the auditors and where was the supervisory board?" he told the newspaper Handelsblatt.

While inadequate supervisory board control is not a purely German phenomenon, Mr. Lambs-dorff said, the close links between banks and

industry were specific to the country.

The bankers who hand out corporate credits, control shareholder voting rights, lead issuing consortia and are major company shareholders are the same officials who sit on the companies' superviso-

ry boards. Mr. Lambsdorff has regularly criticized the power of banks over industry and called for them to reduce their stakes in corporations.

# Metall Stock Sinks Ahead Of Meeting

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — Skittish in-

vestors dumped shares of Metallge-sellschaft AG and several of its biggest allies on Friday, a day before creditors were to attend a meeting that could decide the German metal group's fate.

After a one-day suspension Thursday, Metallgesellschaft shares fell 12 Deutsche marks (\$6.89), or 5 percent, to end at 214 DM on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. They were trading as low as 205 DM after the close as talks with balky French creditors contin-

Shares in Deutsche Bank AG and Dresdner Bank AG, both of whom are large shareholders and creditors of Metallgesellschaft, also took a beating. All three stocks are included in the 30-share DAX in-dex, which fell 22.84 points to

2,14).82.
"This gives investors another reason to hate Germany," said Andrew Lockhart, an equities salesman for Bank in Liechtenstein AG m Frankfurt, noting the involve-ment of both big banks in Metallgesellschaft's supervisory board, which failed to detect the conglomerate's quick descent to the brink of bankruptcy.
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### N.Y. Stocks

the market. The composite index plunged 19.63 points, or 2.18 per-cent, to close at 979.03.

Stocks in Taiwan fell 1.8 percent. Brokers in Taipei said the panic that caused Thursday's 5.9 percent heved the market was still in a downward consolidation after its recent bull run.

Stock markets in Australia and Thailand rose strongly while the Philippines and Indonesia had moderate gains.

Australia gained 28.9 points to close at 2,206.4.

"We've had a couple of days where the market has been off, but there is still B lot of cheap stock around and there is money coming in from overseas," said David Bak-er, joint managing director at Baker Yrung securities in Sydney.

The rebound in Asian markets caused little surprise on Wall Street, which had put up warning flags especially for their volatility not as signs of underlying trouble.

The Merrill Lynch advisory that helped trigger the correction was

quite explicit: "Hong Kong's margests to us an intermediate top is forming after a 116 per cent rise in 1993.

"Just remember, this wasn't a wipcout," said David Strongin, international research director for the Securities Industries Association. "Those who got in at the right time in Southeast Asia have done very well, and this still leaves a lot of them quite well off."

### ■ Dow Posts a Gain

New York Stock Exchange as evidence of rising economic growth and corporate profits outweighed a small rise in interest rates, Bloomberg reported from New York.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 24.77 poiots, to 3,867.20. Early in the day, it had been up as much as 32 points.

A handful of technology companies led by Motorola reported un-expectedly strong earnings, sendsemiconductor stocks higher. Motorola gained 1 to 99. Financial, anto, electrical equipment and chemical stocks also gained.

The market is "focusing on the strong economic oumbers rather than the typical negative reaction in the bond market," where investors are wary of more inflation, said Philip Smyth, analyst at Birinyi Associetes in Greenwich, Connecticut. The 30-year Treasury issue tumbled 15/32 to 99 12/32, while

### **DOLLAR:** Slowed by Intervention

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eign-exchange reserves it lost in last summer's currency crisis.

Even after settling back Friday, traders generally said the dollar was poised for further gains - although some questioned whether it

was more a matter of the mark

weakening than of the dollar

strengthening The mark has been weak against virtually all other major currencies on expectations that the Bundes-

### Foreign Exchange

bank will further reduce short-term interest rates at its next council

meeting Thursday. Christopher Potts of Banque Indosuez, noting that the dollar had made little or no headway lately against the Swiss franc or the pound, said he saw "no major momentum behind the dollar" and added. "I doubt we'll see the dollar

above 1.77 DM very soon." But Andres Drobny at CS First Boston in London said he saw the dollar "grinding higher." He called a rise of 10 to 15 plennig — to a lange of 1.85 DM to 1.90 DM — 'definitely sustainable," even if the Federal Reserve Board does not

by a series of economic reports con-firming that U.S. growth in the fourth quarter was stronger than many analysts had expected. Many estimates of gross domestic growth in the period are now between 5 percent and 7 percent at an annual rate, compared with previous ex-

"This is beginning to look like a typical U.S. recovery," Mr. Drobny nd, with a burst of growth likely to be followed by a more moderate

Some analysts said a steep decline in the mark could cause the Bundesbank to slow its cuts in interest rates - and that could cause pain in the rest of Continental Europe, which needs lower rates to stimulate growth and stop the rise

lose the confidence of foreign in-Germany's budget deficit.

move to raise short-term U.S. interest rates. If the Fed did act, he said, "the dollar would shoot up."

The dollar was fueled this week

in its unemployment rates. While Germany also needs lower

interest rates for the same reasons, the Bundesbank does not want to vestors, who hold some I trillion DM of German debt and who are needed to belp continue financing

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Analysts, however, are skeptical about the gasoline-battery hybrid concept, noting that much energy must be expended to transport the battery. "It's just Hayek's dream," said Edmund Chew, automotive analyst at Nomura Research in

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### Icahn Plans Junk-Bond Offering

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) - The investor Carl C. Icahn is expected to make an offering next week of \$450 million of junk bonds, about half of which will be used for investments in specularive deals that could include illiquid real estate assets, sources said Friday.

One portion of the deal will consist of \$250 million of debt through ACF Industries Corp., an Icahn-owned company that

makes rail cars, to be used for operating costs and debt repayments. The issue is being managed by Marrill Lynch & Co.

An additional \$200 million in senior secured zero-coupon notes will be issued by parent company ACF Industries Holding Corp. used mainly to "pursue investment opportunities in undervalued situations, including interests in potentially illiquid assets, which may not be securities, such as real estate," according to the prospectus.

### Wal-Mart Heads North of the Border

BENTONVILLE, Arkansas (Combined Dispatches) - Wal-Mart Sfores Inc., the U.S. retailing giant, said Friday that it would enter the Canadian market with the purchase of 120 Woolco discount stores from a Canadian subsidiary of Woolworth Corp. The acquisition, subject to Canadian regulatory approval, is expected to be finalized in March, Wal-Mart said. Woolworth said it would receive about \$300 million in cash from the deal, but

details of the transaction were not released. The announcement sent Canadian retailing stocks plummeting on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Shares of Hudson's Bay Co., whose discount department store unit, Zellers, is expected to be Wal-Mart's chief target, tumbled more than 10 percent. (AP, Knight-Ridder)

### Motorola Stock Gains on Earnings

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois (Bloomberg) - Motorola Inc. shares rose on Friday after the company posted an 88 percent surge in fourth-quarter earnings on strong growth in its major divisions.

After the close of the market on Thursday, the telecommunications and electronics giant said its net income rose to \$340 million, or \$1.15 a share, from \$181 million, or 64 cents, a year earlier.

Revenue rose 35 percent, to \$4.99 billion. Motorola said it expected 1994 sales to rise from 1993's \$17 billion.

### Kaufman & Broad Has French Loss

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) — Kaufman & Broad Home Corp. reported Friday that its French operations had their first loss in 24 years, bolding the company's fourth-quarter earnings to a slight gain. Kaufman & Broad said it earned \$15 million, or 34 cents a share, in the quarter ended Nov. 30, compared with \$14.9 million, or 41 cents, a year earlier. Revenue fell 3 percent, to \$373 million. The European recession prompted the first annual loss in 24 years for its operations in metropolitan Paris, but the company said the outlook for 1994 was "greatly improved."

### Dow Corning Charge Over Implants

MIDLAND, Michigan (AP) — Dow Coming Corp. said Friday it would take an after-tax charge of \$415 million against fourth-quarter 1993 earnings to cover the company's estimated liability in breast implant litigation.

Dow Coming is a joint venture of Dow Chemical Co. and Corning Inc. In a separate statement, Corning said it would take an after-tax charge of \$203 million, or \$1.06 per share, to cover its half of the settlement costs. Dow Chemical Co. said its share of the charges would result in a reduction in fourth quarter 1993 and full year earnings of \$192 million, or 70 cents a share.

### Aetna Plans to Eliminate More Jobs

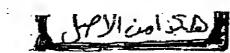
HARTFORD, Connecticut (Reuters) - Aetna Life & Casualty Co.'s chairman, Ronald Compton, said Friday that the company had plans to cut costs that included further job reductions. In the past three years the company has eliminated about 8,000 jobs. Mr. Compton, in a memorandum to employees, did not say how many more cuts would be made.

### For the Record

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said it would take a \$1.3 billion noncash charge to comply with new accounting rules, reducing 1993 earnings by about 96 cents a share. Excluding the charge and costs associated with restructuring its NCR unit, AT&T said it expected net income to total \$1.15 billion, or 85 cents a share, in the fourth quarter of 1993.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada named Mark W. Hutchins, 48, president and chief executive. He will succeed James G. O'Connor, London. "This is not a reality for 50, on Feb. 1.

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# Bonn Offers **Optimistic View** Of '94 Economy

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Rexrodt said he was looking for a

rise in real gross domestic product in Western Germany this year of 0.5 percent to 1 percent.

But growth in former East Germany should be much higher, in the

6 percent-to-8 percent area, the minister said, quoting figures in the

government's annual economic re-

Mr. Rexrodt also said that infla-

tion would slow to 3 percent for the year and that the number of jobless

would rise by 400,000 to 450,000.

Federation of German Banks cau-

nomic Advisers. But he said they

rates and moderate wage settle-

billion Deutsche marks (\$38.4 bil-lion). 'In spite of considerably high-

er costs - about 8.5 billion DM - in the labor market, the expendi-

tures will exceed the plan by only about 300 million DM," he said. He

said tax revenue nearly reached the

356.1 billion DM that was expected.

The positive report came as the

institutes, especially DIW in Ber-lin, offer much more somber fore-

casts than the government.

BONN — The German governman real economic growth this year ment expressed relative optimism would be "f percent at the most," on Friday about the country's eco- adding that an economic upswing nomic prospects this year, forecastwould come "very, very slowly." ing real growth of 1 percent to 1.5

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# Thyssen Asks State to Pay For Layoffs

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches DUISBURG, Germany. -Thyssen Stahl AG said Friday that it would lay off 1,250 workers and ask the state government to cover the cost, a move that appears to clash with European Commission attempts to end government subsidies to steelmakers.

Thyssen Stabl, a unit of Thyssen AG, already intended to reduce its work force to 26,900 in the business year ending next Sept. 30, from 46,000 the previous year. The cuts announced Friday would be on top of that and would be the first in the form of layoffs, as opposed to attrition, early

retirement or the like. Thyssen said it would ask the government of North Rhine-Westphalia to cover social insurance payments for the layoffs because the compa-

oy cannot afford them: Thyssen said the decision was prompted by "catastrophic" sales and by the European Commission's approval Dec. 17 of a European steel restructuring plan. Although the Commission seeks to phase out subsidies, Thyssen said the plan favors subsidized producers to the detriment of private

The latest job cuts will be concentrated in long products, such items as bar and wire. Thyssen said losses in that division, as a proportion of revenue were twice those in flat products such as sheet metal.

(Bloomberg, AFX, AFP)

# Dutch Firm Buying U.S. Publisher VNU to Acquire Billboard and Hollywood Reporter

HAARLEM, Netherlands - VNU BV said Friday it had agreed to buy BPI Communications Inc., the American company that publishes music and film magazines such as Billboard and Hollywood Reporter, from The New York Times Co. and BPI manage-

ment for \$220 million. Analysts said the acquisition would bring VNU, one of the Netherlands' largest publishing concerns, into the American magazine market and give it a base for further expansion. They also said BPI's electronic-database activities suited those of VNU, whose only previous American presence was its electron-

ic publishing units. VNU's activities in the United States include Disclosure, a financial database that holds information on 11,000 quoted compa-nics. Analysts estimate U.S. revenue for all three VNU databases at \$160 million a year. "Out of the acquisitions that I have seen at VNU in my time, this one is the most beautiful one," Heak Slotboom, head of research at Amstgeld NV in Amsterdam, said. "It's a

very good fit in a new growth area." Mr. Slotboom has tracked VNU for almost 10 years and published a 72-page report on the

company in November.

"It's a good acquisition," said Ton Gietman, an analyst with James Capel & Co. in Amsterdam. "They had been looking to expand in that area for a long time."

He said the LLS market area. He said the U.S. market was "much less vulnerable than the U.K. and the rest of

Ешторе.' BPf is profitable, has annual sales of about \$130 million and employs about 800 people,

VNU said. The New York Times, which is half-owner of the International Herald Tribune, acquired a 33 percent interest in BPf when it bought Affiliated Publications Inc., the owner of the Boston Globe oewspaper, in September 1993.

BPI owns three databases that provide information on the film, media and advertising industries. They are the Billboard Information Network, Broadcast Data Systems and Entertainment News Wire.

Very briefly:

Most of their information comes from the 19 specialist magazines published by BPL of which the best-known are Billboard, a leader in the market for music magazines, and Holly-

wood Reporter, which covers the film industry. VNU said it would finance the purchase through a rights offering on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange in March. It said VNU holders would be allowed to buy one new share at a discount for every five shares owned. (Bloomberg, AFX)

### ■ Ringier-Gannett Venture Formed

Ringier AG of Switzerfand said it had formed a 50-50 joint venture with Gannett Co. of the United States to expand both publishing companies' activities, primarily in Eastern Europe but also in Asia, AFP-Extel News reported from Zurich.

The companies said Ringier would manage the venture and Gannett would take a 50 percent stake in Ringier's Cash oewspaper operations in Romania, Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria. Terms were oot disclosed.

• Forte PLC, the British hotel group, has joined with Quantum Fund, the accept offers of around \$500 million for its 30 percent stake in Aerolineas investment vehicle of the financier George Soros, to seek control of the Argentinas.

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# For Winterthur, a Deal With Commerzbank?

tioned that recovery had not yet arrived, saying that production trends and incoming orders were not at the right level to give the economy a quick boost.

Mr. Rexrodt acknowledged his Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ZURICH - Winterthur Insur- francs higher on Friday, at 820 ance Co. said Friday that it would Swiss francs. forecasts were more optimistic than announce s major expansion on those of private observers and of the Monday, and analysts said they be alysts is that Winterthur has achieved the Swiss company would quired or plans to acquire a stake in government's own Council of Eco-

were the result of "serious work" and did not ear toward optimism. In Frankfurt, Commerzbank Recovery will be more marked in said that it and its unit DBV Hold-1995 and 1996," he added.
"It's a realistic forecast," he said. ing AG would hold a news conference Monday. Commerzbank said "The indicators show an improved its chairman, Martin Kohlhaussen, international climate and recovery would "report on the new direction tendencies in part of the domestic and expansion of Commerzbank's economy." He also noted the "considerable drop" in German interest financial services."

Commerzbank has been looking for a partner for DBV after talks ments will help growth.

Separately, Finance Minister
Theo Waigel said the federal government's 1993 deficit totaled 66.9 with Zurich Insurance Co. broke down last year.

DBV, or Dentsche Beamten Versicherung, is a civil servants insur-ance company in which Commerzbank has a stake of 50 percent plus one share. The remainder is owned by DBV Beteiligung, a holding company, and the general public,

in roughly equal stakes.

DBV took in insurance premiums of about 3.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$2 billion) in 1993. Winterthur, Switzerland's third-

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The government is trying to hold the 1994 budget deficit to below 70 billion DM and Mr. Walgel has been instructed by parliamentari-ans to find 5 billion DM in spendlargest insurer, reported gross pre-miums of 15.52 billion Swiss francs ing cuts to achieve that goal. (AFP, Knight-Ridder) profit of 247 million. (\$10.5 billion) in 1992 and a oet

Winterthur's stock closed 14

The consensus among Zurich aulieved the Swiss company would quired or plans to acquire a stake in acquire a stake in a German insurer DBV. "This is quite possible and that's our latest information," an insurance analyst at Union Bank of

Switzerland said, Bank Vontobel's analyst, Vitkor Damman, said Winterthur was particularly eager to expand its insur-

ance operations in Germany. "Winterthur has always tried to improve its market share in Germa-

oy but so far it has been unsuccessful," a trader at Bank Pictet said. (AFX, Reuters)

### Kuwait May Open Up To Foreign Oil Firms

AFP-Extel News KUWAIT — Kuwait may open up its oil industry to foreign com-panies, Oil Minister Ali Baghli said

border areas." Kuwait nationalized

Mr. Baghli said a commission had been set up to study the possibility of foreign participation in the oil sector, "particularly the allocation of prospecting concessions in

its oil industry in 1975.

### **ORBITAL:** Phone Race Heats Up

airplane leasing payment due Saturday.

led by Ackermans & Van Haaren.

debt-ridden Ciga Hotels SpA, oow controlled by the Aga Khan.

CSA's new president said he had dismissed four vice presidents and said

the Czech airline had secured an \$8.5 million government loan to make an

Belgium said it had approved the sale of Société Nationale d'Investisse

ment, including its 50 percent stake in Distrigaz SA/NV, to a consortium

Sabena Belgian World Airlines SA will continue to be majority-owned by the state, the government said after a review of its privatization policy.

· Ibéria's vice chairman, Javier Saez, said the Spanish carrier would

Continued from Page 9

says the initial outlay is important. "If the handset price is too high, not enough of a subscriber base will be attracted," said Mr. Hulkower, who has written two reports on the prospective satellite networks for the Enropean Space Agency.

But Mr. Helman, who is a vice president of Mobile Communications Holdings Inc., Ellipso's par-ent, said it was "quite conceivable the governments could subsidize the phones in order to have universal service."

simple cordless phones if they are the service will cost 50 cents a minwithin 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) of a one plus a fee of \$50 a month.

ground station, Mr. Helman added. The overall cost of the Ellipso system is projected at \$650 million to \$700 million million, compared with \$3.45 billion for Motorola's Iridium network, Ellipso's chief competitor. Iridium, a partnership of Motorola with Lockheed Corp., Raytheon Co. and Sprint Corp., among others, is projecting a taniff of \$3 a minute of phone service plus

a fee of \$75 to \$80 a month, based on two million users to break even. Ellipso is aiming for a smaller subscriber base and calculates the octwork will break even with Eventually, users could rely on 650,000 users. The company says

# METALL: Investors Dump Stock

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Bank, which together with Daim-ler-Benz AG, Allianz AG and the government of Kuwait hold a 62 percent stake in Metallgesellschaft, take turns naming the chairman of the cooglomerate's supervisory board. Ronaldo Schmitz, a Deutsche Bank corporate finance specialist who currently holds the posi-tion, has been widely criticized for were in Metallgescllschaft's favor. tion, has been widely criticized for having let Metallgesellschaft slide

so far, so fast.

The metals conglomerate said last week that it faced potential closes of 3.3 hillion DM (\$1.9 billion) for the financial year ended Sept. 30, much of it attributed to U.S. oil deals.

Of elsewhere, at the end of the day they almost always manage to cobble something together." he said.

L.S. Refiner Concerned Castle Energy Corp., the U.S. oil

creditors may push the talks into failed to secure a rescue plan from our week.

But while several French inves- ed from New York.

tors cootinged to waver Friday, other analysts and industry insiders said it was unlikely the rescue

would fail. "We expect the banks will come up with a deal and I don't think it will have much effect on the big bank shares," said Mr. Lockhart. Peter Dupont, an analyst at UBS

"If you look at all the precedents for a company this size in Germany or elsewhere, at the end of the day they almost always manage to cob-

Castle Energy Corp., the U.S. oil A restructuring plan is to be dis-cussed Saturday by Metaligesells-a Metaligesellschaft subsidiary, chast's f20 creditors in Frankfurt.

Banking sources told AFP-Extel
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### and operate at no cost to recipients of the funds. Spain's inflation fell to 4.9 percent in 1993 from 5.4 percent in 1992,

while inflation in Portugal slowed to 6.8 percent from 9.5 percent.

Banco Central Hispánoamericano SA said it was completing an agreement with Société Générale, Commerchank AG and Banco Comercial

Portugues to set up a payments system that would speed fund transfers

. British Aerospace PLC said it would cut 830 jobs this year, most of them at its Avro regional-jet husiness and another plant in northwest England. Heineken NV and BolsWessanen NV said they expected to reach agreement on the sale of Heineken's 50 percent stake in Bols Benelmx BV;

### terms were not disclosed. AVIS D'APPEL D'OFFRES INTERNATIONAL

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date limite à 11 H 00 GMT. Le dépouillement aura lieu au Siège de la Société le 7 février 1994 à 16 H (heure locale : +3 GMT) en présence des soumissionnaires.

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Offers will be opened at the company's headquarters in Moroni res) on February 7th 1994 at 1 p.m. GMT, with the bidders.



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# U.S.-Japan Ties At Risk Over Trade, U.S. Says

failed, there could be "very serious

fallout in the U.S. in terms of atti-

Echoing comments made in To-

kyo this week by Joan Spero, un-

dersecretary of state for economic affairs and agriculture, he said of the talks so far, "The fact is that we

He added: "At least in the auto-

motive sector, there's not even an agreement on the nature of the

problem. They're saying that the

Japanese market is open, that there

are no barriers of any significance and that the problem is on the American side."

Separately, Sozaburo Okamatsu

vice minister for international af-

fairs at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, said the \$20-billion annual U.S. trade deficit with

Japan in motor vehicles was caused

by a failure of U.S. antomakers to

offer cars that meet Japanese needs.

smaller cars," he said,

The major market segment is

Mr. Okamatsu agreed the two

sides were far apart in the trade talks

but said, "I'm sure we can find some agreement which is acceptable to both sides." (Reuters, Bloomberg)

impose price ceilings and issue

warnings against hoarding, profi-

An article carried on the front

page of major newspapers on Fri-day said stocks of food and other

commodities for the Lunar New

Year festival next month were

teering and speculation.

BELIANG — Seeking to calm grain supply but needed to raise anxiety that sparked panic buying of grain, China said on Friday that it has six months' supply and that

per capita consumption is falling.
Since November, a rise in grain demand for six months.

prices of up to 30 percent in some places has set off waves of buying.

This has forced the government to 1978 to 1985 but started declining

tudes about trade with Japan."

haven't moved an inch."

TOKYO - A U.S. trade official said Friday that relations with Ja-pan could suffer if the trade negotiations did not succeed by a Febru-

The results of the framework in February are going to color U.S.-Japan relations for a long time," said Jeffrey Garten, undersecretary

The so-called framework talks initiated by President Bill Clinton and former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in July 1993, are designed to increase Japanese imports of American-made automobiles, auto parts, telecommunications and insurance services, and medical technology, as well as to settle conflicts

over intellectual property.

Both sides are seeking substantive agreements in several of those areas before Mr. Clinton and Prime Morihiro Hosokawa meet in Washington on Feb. 11.

U.S. negotiators have said they want measurable results from the talks, but they deny seeking market-share targets. Japanese officials and business executives say that whatever the label, numerical criteria to be achieved by a certain date would constitute managed trade and be unacceptable.

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Its Market

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SEOUL - The Finance

Ministry disclosed measures

Friday aimed at cooling what it said was an overheated

South Korean stock market.

The ministry and securities

regulators said individuals would be allowed to engage in

short-selling, or the sale of borrowed stock in anticipation

of a price decline. Officials

said the measure would tend

to bring down prices of stocks believed to be overvalued.

A news report about the

measures sent the Seoul stock

market plunging. The market's

points, or 2.2 percent, to close at 879.03 in heavy trading. The ministry also will re-

quire institutious to deposit 20

percent of the cost when plac-

ing buy orders. Currently, m-

stitutions have three days to

make payment.
This will help the market

stabilize following recent steep

and fast rises, as the trading by

institutional investors has in-creased recently," the ministry

To Cool

# Guangzhou, the Next 'Paper' Tiger? Cathay Pacific's Clerical Center May Be a Forerunner

GUANGZHOU, China --- At first glance, the offices of Guangzhou Guo Tai Information Processing Co. would seem an unlikely nurturing ground for the next stage of south-ern China's economic transformation.

Occupying five floors in an unfinished building on Guangzhou's east side, the business is filled with young Chinese entering data from airline tickets into computer terminals. In many ways, the operation is like infor-

mation-processing centers worldwide, with photos clipped from magazines pasted on desks and the quiet clicking of keyboards.

What makes this center unique is the name on all of the thousands of tickets processed by its 200 workers each day: Cathay Pacific Airways. As the clencal center for the Hong Kong-based airline, the venture represents one of the first examples of a major Hong Kong company taking office jobs across the border in search of cheaper labor and land.

Hong Kong has already lost more than 40 percent of its manufacturing jobs since 1980. With costs continuing to spiral, it is only a matter of time before many clerical jobs follow, economists and local companies said.

"It's the obvious thing to do, especially after 1997," said Pamela George, a spokeswoman for Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., which is studying the move of some of its clerical operations to southern China. Under an agreement with Britain, Hong Kong is to come under Chinese rule in 1997.

For now, Cathay Pacific has been left to blaze the trail alone. Since forming the Guangzhou subsidiary in November 1992, the airline has had to feel its way through a

in 1986. Consumption fell to 234.5

kilograms per person in 1991, down by 17.2 kilograms from 1985, be-

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se of the increasing variety in

maze of government agencies and learn to cope with a work force still learning the

customs of the private marketplace. The venture's unique position as a dataprocessing business in a budding manufacturing economy has not helped. In meetings with local government officials, Cathay Pa-cific managers have been hard pressed to explain what their workers produce.

The side effects of the city's economic boom may lead officials to pursue similar operations.

They always ask us to show them a prod-

uct; we say we can't," said Benny Chan, one of 15 managers transferred to the operation.
"At the beginning, it was very difficult to gain
their trust."

The authorities in Guangzhou may become more interested in attracting similar service operations as the side effects of the area's

industrial revolution become clear. Since China began moving toward a mar-ket economy in 1978, Guangzhou, a city of more than 6 million people, has been the focus of a nonstop manufacturing and con-struction boom. Along with snarled traffic, the boom has created a perpetual cloud of

dust and smog over the city.

When Mr. Chan and his colleagues set out to hire workers in the area, they looked for university graduates, figuring English lan-

Shaken by Panic Buying, China Reassures on Grain

tion to support that assertion.

Despite the reassuring statistics,

the government has been stung into

action by the panic buying. Earlier this month, the Ministry

of Internal Trade and the National

Grain Reserves Bureau ordered de-livery of extra supplies of grain to eight provinces and three cities short

of it. Each province was also or-

dered to arrange an additional 140

trains to transport grain in January.

"It is not easy to be optimistic about the food products market in

1994," the internal trade minister,

Zhang Haoruo, was quoted as say-

mercial Daily, on Thursday.

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guage skills would be better among people with advanced educations. Very quickly, they regretted the decision.

Turnover among the university graduates, particularly among men, was high as they tired of the monotonous and relentless pace of the work. The company found much better success with women straight out of college. one level below universities in China.

The workers enter data from Cathay Pacific rickets and calculate exactly how much money the airline collects from each one. All of the data is sent to the airline's mainframe computers for use in accounting and setting fares and schedules.

As repetitive as the work is, it is better than many alternatives, said Huimeng Zhang, who was chosen from a pool of 4,000 applicants for one of the initial 200 spots.

"There are more opportunities in an international company," she said. "Working in a

national company, there is not so much work to do, not so challenging."

The labor savings from the operations have been substantial. The company has estimated moving the operation to China saves it \$10

However, with inflation in Chinese cities such as Guangzhou running at about 20 percent in 1993, their cost advantage is quickly diminishing. Already, the starting wage at the airline's facility has almost doubled from the

Economists said escalaring prices and lack of suitable office space have helped deter other companies from following Cathay Pacific's

initial rate of 600 Hong Kong dollars (\$77.67)



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Chinon Industries Inc., an Eastman Kodak Co. affiliate in Japan, said it had moved its entire output of floppy disks to Malaysia to cope with rising costs due to the higher yen.

 Tonen Corp., a Japanese oil refiner in which Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. each own a 25 percent stake, will replace its president, Nobuyuki Nakahara, in a dispute over dividend policy, Japanese news agencies said. Tokyo Nissan Anto Sales Co. pisns to start selling Ford Motor Co. automobiles in Japan around May,

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. Taiwan plans to lift its ban on rice imports in 1995 if it can join the rise in grain prices was the result not of shortages but of the lifting of price controls, increased produc-General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade this year,

• China is considering allowing more foreign insurance companies to set up branches in selected coastal areas, Xinhua news agency said.

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### grain supply," the newspaper said. It quoted a grain stability index of kets?" a Western diplomat asked. "The transport and storage system The Economic Daily said China "We must pay close attention to 126 countries compiled by the UN Lack of Non-Oil Investment Hurts, Jakarta Says

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JAKARTA - Indonesia's economic expansion could fall short of government targets unless investments outside the country's energy sector increase, government officials and econ-

-Already, a drop in investments in 1993 has made many doubtful that the Indonesian government can achieve its target annual growth rate of 6.2 percent this year.

Foreign investment approvals outside the oil-and-gas sector reached \$8.6 billion in 1993, down 16.4 percent from 1992, U.S. officials here said:

Despite the decline, economists said non-oil and gas exports - primarily of plywood, textiles and garments — would grow 14 percent, to \$32 billion this year, and 10 percent to 14 percent in 1995. The sector grew an estimated

percent in 1993. But Trade Minister Satrio Budihardjo Joedono was less than optimistic about expansion outside of oil and gas, noting growth was evident last January but waned later in 1993.

"The problem with the slow growth of ex-

ports was the slow growth of the investments that increase the production of manufactured

Industries outside of oil and gas are seen as a major engine of Indonesia's growth since weakening petroleum prices reduce the importance

edible oils, correctly manage im-

ports, scrupulously implement the plan for national reserves and make

early arrangements for supplies to

In terms of output, China has plenty of grain. Production in 1993

was a record 456,4 million tons, up from 442,58 million tons in 1992

and 435.29 million in 1991. Such good harvests allowed Beijing to

cut imports in the first 11 months

of 1993 to 6.33 million tons from

"The harvests are good, yes, but how much of it will reach the mar-

11.62 million in all of 1992.

the market in 1994." he said.

of energy in the country's economy.

Mr. Joedono also cited increasing competition for foreign investment from other coun-tries, including China and Vietnam, and called

for a "relaxation" of barriers to investors. Indonesian industries need to become more developed and possibly branch into high-technology products, economists said. They predicted manufactured consumer electronic goods, footwear and chemical products would gradually become the country's chief non-oil exports. stabilize the market and set up a grain risk fund with floor and cell-ing prices," it said. Toyota Chairman

tion costs for farmers and abolition

The newspaper said it was good for grain prices to rise, since this would stimulate production and

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of subsidies for imported wheat.

market was being born.

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - Japan's Keidanren, or Federation of Economic Organizations, will name Toyota Motor Corp. Shoichiro Toyoda, 68, as its next chair-

To Head Keidanren

man, press reports said Friday. Gaishi Hiraiwa, 79, who ended his third year as Keidanren chairman last month has said he wanted to step down in May, the reports said. Mr. Toyoda currently is the Keidanren's vice chairman.

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PHNOM PENH - Cambodia is eager to hear from potential investors interested in developing the war-battered country's mining and energy sectors, according to the

country's Minister for Industry. Mines and Energy, Poy Sothirak. "Cambodia has very good potential with regards to the following:

hard minerals, gold, gem stones, rubies, sapphires, phosphate for fertilizer and limestone for cement," Mr. Sothirak told an investment forum in Phnom Penh on Thursday.

More than two decades of civil war and violence, which formally ended with the signing of the 199 Paris peace agreement, prevented development of the mining indus-

tise and skilled labor have added to the problem, Mr. Sothirak said. He spoke of a potential oil bonanza waiting to be tapped beneath Cambodia's soil.

"I want to mention oil - we have three blocks left to be given for off-shore concessions and we have 19 blocks on shore with very good prospects around the Tonle Sap [Great Lake] area and along the Mekong River," he said, The Cambodian government

wants to encourage private-sector involvement in projects for developing energy resources, he said.

He added that opportunities also existed in power generation. "We no) only need you to come and generate electricity." he told the forum, "we would like you to come and distribute and help with revetute collection as well.

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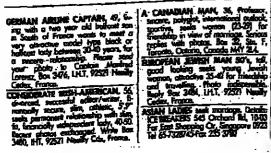
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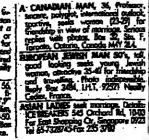
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Witness the reform program facing the U.S. communications industry. Legislation is scheduled that would liberalize the market, allowing local, long-distance and cable television companies to compete against one another. It seems that legislators recognize that something needs to be done to provide a legal framework appropriate to an industry that is exploding with ideas, and money.

It is understood that something must be done to accommodate the "information superhighways" (the fashionable expression for the flow of voice, video and other data over high-speed electronic networks into homes and businesses). Unfortunately, it seems that unless the proposed reforms make unprecedentedly speedy progress through the various legislative bodies we shall have highways without traffic signs. After the beginning of March precedence will be given to pushing through U.S. health-care reform, so the information technology legislation stands a good chance of being left oo the shelf.

At first glance, this may appear to be no bad thing, especially for lovers of the free market. They would argue that law should be descriptive of an industry that is evolving rather than prescriptive in an area where technical standards — and what can be dooe at a profit — are still being developed.

The markets at best only dimly understand what is going oo, and communications present international investors with an almost unique prospect: A global, multi-hillioo-dollar industry where the majority of analysts are genuinely groping in the dark. If it were just a question of economics, investors might hope to make a good (or lucky) bet and make some money. But it's not as simple as that: At some time the legislators will turn their attention to the industry, change it around, tax profits, alter the market. You have been warned.

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According to most analysts, telecommuni-cations stocks, whether fixed line operators, or utility companies, or the new, smaller cellular companies, represent good prospects

"People see telecoms as a positively hiased proxy for with the growth in Asia," said Haddon Zia, research analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities in Hong Kong, "In addition to strong underlying economies, most Asian oetworks are still in their growth phases and are undergoing substantial line

Even Hongkong Telecom, which by re-gional standards is a fairly mature utility, has above-average growth prospects com-pared with the baby Bells in the United States, or British Telecom.

Two utilities where growth is expected to ourstrip almost every other include Telekom Malaysia and Philippines Long Distance Telephone, or PLDT. Returns on both the Kuala Lumpur and Manila Stock Exchanges grew more than 100 percent in 1993, with widely held expectations of fundamental economie growth in both countries. In Malaysia this phenomenon will surely benefit the telecom industry, where line penetration curreotly equals only 12 per 100 individuals. A network isn't considered fully mature developed until it has reached 50 lines or more per 100 population. Philippines Long Dis-tance has even a longer way to go with only

1.5 lines per 100. According to Bill Ebsworth, Fidelity Investments Management (HK), chief investment officer in Hong Kong, "it's a great fundamental story — top and bottom line, Asia's telecoms have faster growth than their Western counterparts. Basic service growth is accelerating off a low base of lines per capita, and increasing sophistication of the region's economies means explosive growth io areas like cellular, fax, and data transmis-

The problem is, Mr. Ebsworth said, that stock prices have all risen fast. The telecom delirium came to international attention when Singapore Telecom brought out 1.7 billion shares in its October initial public M.B. offering. While the stock was considered

portion of the listing, still participated,

Asia's Bustling Telecom Market

sparking a regional telecom raily.

The view that prices are getting a little high is shared by Michael Mahoney, Portfolio Manager for GT Global Telecommunications Fund, which at \$2.07 hillion is the largest fund of its kind in the world. "I still think the growth potential in Asia is the best in the world. My concern is now you have to pay for that."

While the GT Global Telecom fund uses the utilities as core holdings, more than 50 percent of its Asian allocation is dedicated to maller growth stocks.

"Some of the more interesting plays are in nonutility stocks," Mr. Mahoney said. "This is not to say that the utility stocks are not is not to say that the utury stocks are not interesting, but of course the basic utility that's already established is not going to be able to produce the kind of growth rate that Champion Technology (HK) has already produced, or something like Advanced Information Service (Thailand) can produce, where they are haiding up this phote cells. where they are building up this whole cellu-lar system." He added, "Although in some ways Advanced is more like a ntility than anything else because it's so hard to get a hookup in Bangkok."

Champion Technology is a mobile tele-communications company whose stock price has more than doubled over the past year, and is expected to continue growing as its projects in China come on stream. According to Mr. Mahoney, among the more attractive smaller regional stocks are Hong Kong's Prod-Art Technology, a maker and seller of pagers with a significant portion of revenu coming from China; and Hong Kong's ABC

Paging.
In Thailand, Advanced Information Service, the primary cellular provider in Thailand, is a stock that has jumped more than 40 percent in value in the last mooth. A better value, said Mr. Mahoney, might be International Engineering Corp., which sells cellular handsets, and has not participated in the most recent Thai rally.

Mr. Mahoney also mentions Hong Kong's Orient Telecom, a company that has a major stake in Thailand's recent initial public offering of Telecoms Asia, and in Sapura, the Malaysian telecommunication equipment

supplier.
Fidelity's Thai fund manager, Yosowadee Charnsethikul, adds Shinawatra Computer to the list of interesting Thai plays, based on its mobile telephone and satellite husinesses. Andrew Harrington, Research Analyst at

Global Telecommunications

U.S broadcasters branch out. Triple play in the U.K.

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German privatization

Solomon Brothers, is a fan of Hongkong Telecom on grounds of its potential for ex-pansion in the Hong Kong-China market.

"The driving force behind profit growth over the next five years," he said, "will be expansion in call volumes to and from the

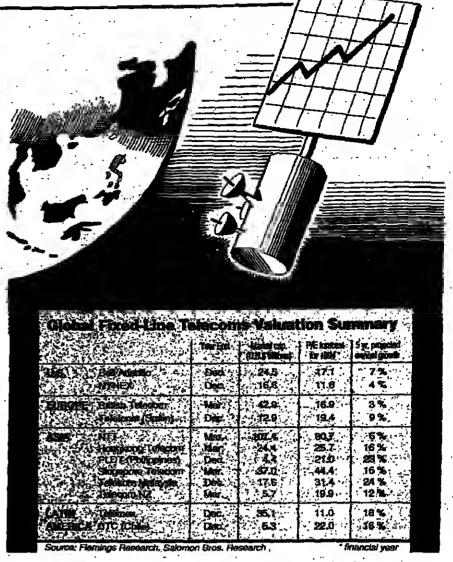
expansion in call volumes to and from the PRC as well as continued high growth in business lines within Hong Kong.

In a report on Hong Kong's telecommunications sector, Mr. Harrington recommends all Hong Kong telecom stocks as an investment let into China "We believe that there

an Hong Kong telecom stocks as an invest-ment play into China. "We believe that there will be substantial further upside in the shares as direct equity opportunities in the PRC start to emerge."

China has huge capital requirements, Mr. Harringtoo cootends. "China faces a choice: Fither provide an environment to attract Either provide an environment to attract capital by restructuring its telecommunications industry in order to provide returns for investors, or remain as they are. This is why I am so builish on China: it is going to change because it has to, and all the Hong Kong companies will be investing."

Despite his bullishness, Mr. Harrington warns that the supply of new equity is in-creasing with a potential of \$5 billion in new offerings coming up. This would include initial public offerings for the Indian Tele-com utility, VSNL, Thei Telephone & Tele-communications, and PT Telekom, the Indonesian phone company, all of which have already been announced.



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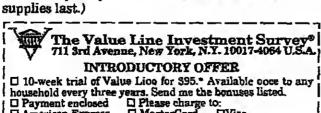
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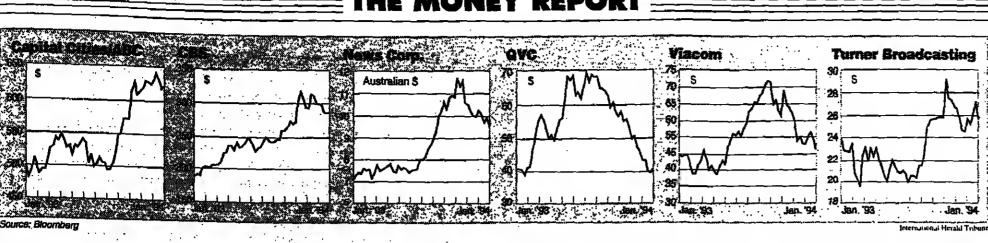
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# Broadcast Firms Seek Pole Position on Electronic Highway

By Philip Crawford

HE word "broadcasting" is rapidly becoming an anachronism. As television merges with tele-, we are entering a multimedia, 500-channel, digitaltechnology era. Today's broadcast-ers are assembling a diverse arsenal of classic films, see-it-as-it-happens news shows, major sporting events, home chopping opportunities, and various information channels in or-

der to compete. Two major industry develop-ments of the past year highlight the trend. The Fox network's outbidding of CBS Inc. for broadcast rights to National Football Conference games for the next four years, and the bidding war between Via-com Inc. and QVC Network Inc. for control of Paramount Communications Inc., are prime examples, say analysts, of major players trying to prepare for a higher-tech future in which consumers will have a huge choice of entertainment and information fare that will flow into their homes along the now-under-construction electronic

superhighway. Paramount is currently the belle of the ball, many add, due to its of the ball, many add, due to its lysts. A central question, naturally, diversity. In addition to its film is how much the loss of profession-

library, movie studio and television al football, which CBS had carried NFL games for the next four years. being regular viewers of Fox." shows, Paramount owns the Simon regularly since 1956, will hart the Schuster publishing house and two high-proble sports teams in the money on football for years, but country's largest media market: the New York Knicks, of the National Basketball Association, and the New York Rangers, of the National Hockey League.

For investors, the prospects appear mixed. While beavy corporate spending for new technology and programming can bode well for the future, it can also hurt short-term earnings and share price growth significantly. And the over-all U.S. economy, while forecast by many to chug along satisfactorily in 1994, is not expected to generate windfall in advertising revenues for broadcasters. Analysis say, accordingly, that investors dering exposure to the sector in 1994 will have to pick and choose carefully. Professional opinion varies, moreover, on which companies have the most attractive

CBS, defeated by Fox for the rights to broadcast NFC games, and later sporned by the National Football League in a last-ditch bid for broadcast rights to American Football Conference games, is getting hot and cold notices from ana-

the Sunday afternoon games pro-vided a seamless lead-in to the network's Sunday night programming, which included the top-rated news program "60 minutes." Fox's bid of \$1.58 billion was reported to be about \$400 million higher than

CBS's offer. "CBS was in a no-win situation with the NFC," said John G. Nelson, who tracks broadcasting stocks for Brown Brothers Harriman in New York. "If the other guy is willing to pay an outrageous price, you're out of the game. For obviously felt they had to make a big splash, but an offer of that magnitude hints of desperation. How CBS will fare depends on what they replace the football with. For now, I have a neutral rating on CBS shares."

But Melissa Cook of Prudential Securities Research came through with a "buy" rating on CBS. "I don't see the loss of football as having an adverse effect on the Sunday night programs," she said. Both Miss Cook and Mr. Nelson gave a "buy" rating to shares of Capital Cities/ABC Inc., which will shell out \$1.09 billion for the

rights to televise Monday night

"Cap Cities has more momentum in the ratings right now than CBS, traded shares, but Miss Reif said and it's more diversified, owning the recent developments at the netabout 80 percent of ESPN and a work have significantly contributthird of the Arts and Entertain- ed to her "buy" recommendation ment Network," said Mr. Nelson. on the parent company shares. In late December, five of the top 10 News Corp. For the fiscal year endrated U.S. television shows were ing in June. Fox should account for broadcast on ABC.

Co. gave a neutral rating to Capital the past couple of years," she said, sent too small a slice of GE for it to "but I think their ratings have figure heavily on ratings of GE peaked."

And what of the Fox network, owned by Rupert Murdoch's multimedia giant News Corp.? In the highest international profile may wake of the football coup against be Ted Turner, owner of Turner CBS, Mr. Murdoch was reported to Broadcasting System. TBS's acquihave said that broadcasting NFC sitions since 1991 of such properties as the MGM film library and of the contract would compensate enhancing overall advertising reve-reason why some analysts expect trues. Some analysts agree with TBS shares to outperform the mar-

"Until now, Fox has been a distant fourth network behind ABC. "Turner owns the underlying NBC and CBS," said Miss Reif. rights to so much material," said

Fox does not have separately

about 23 percent of News Corp.'s Jessica Reif of Oppenheimer & operating profit, Miss Reif added.

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The NBC network is owned by Cities/ABC shares, however. General Electric Co., but many an-"They've had good momentum for alysts say that its operations repre-

Other than Mr. Murdoch, the broadcasting magnate with the loser for Fox, but that the prestige the Hanna-Barbera cartoon library - the last 50 percent of which was by raising the network's profile and acquired in December - are one

tional news network, CNN. opportunity to convert people into international sales and marketing out how to make it work."

infrastructure he already has in place, he can start new channels in new markets relatively cheaply." Viacom Inc., which owns such

high-profile cahle networks as MIV and Nickelodeon, has been warring with QVC Network Inc., a home shopping network, for con-trol of Paramount since September. Viacom's latest offer of an estimated \$9.75 billion in cash and stock. made jointly with its new partner Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., was to be considered by Paramount this week. Nynex Corp., one of the regional Baby Bells, is also a cash backer of Viacom in the deal. QVC's standing bid of an estimated \$9.9 billion in cash and stock

was extended until Jan. 21. Analysts say the jury will be out for some time on Viacom and QVC shares, pending the outcome of the battle. Many also question whether Paramount is worth close to \$10

The hunt is great, but it may be a little better than the realization of the prize," said Dennis McAlpine ket. Another is Turner's internanf Josephthal, Lyon & Ross in New York. "The acquisition of Paramount for either Viacom or QVC will make a huge difference in the "Now it has an opportunity to Tom Wolzien, who covers the way these companies are run, and move into the major leagues. Having NFC football provides a golden Bernstein in New York. "With the you get it, then you have to figure

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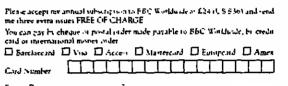
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# For Britain, 3 Companies Tell the Tale

By Rupert Bruce ...

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HE tale of the British telecommunications sector is one of three stocks: the utility, British Telethe trinny, fartish lele-com; the fast-growing cellular phone company, Vodafone; and the multinational with operations in many rapidly deregulating and developing markets, Cable & Wire-less. They are respectively per-ceived on the London Stock Exexciting but perhaps enatic, and solid with every likelihood of outperforming.

BT, the former state monopoly phone company, has been reduced to its present state by stringent reg-ulations that have made its onceexciting profit growth predictable. and Vodatone is growing quickly as ever more European yuppies be-come acquainted with mobile phones. Cable & Wireless, however, is the ace in the pack. It has stakes in a range of businesses that are challenging former state mo-nopoly operators in Britain, Australia and Sweden; a 50 percent stake in Britain's latest mobile phone operator, Mercury One2One; a 58.4 percent stake in Hongkong Telecom, the colony's monopoly operator; and 79 percent in Telecom of Jamaica. In addition, in owns more than 25,000 kilometers of fiber optic submarine cables linking the world's major financial and trading centers.

Evan Miller, Lehman Brothers' telecom analyst in London, said: "My order of preference, partially reflecting recent price changes, puts Cable & Wireless very much on top of the list. It has had a setback [the stock has Islien back with prices on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange but Hong Kong

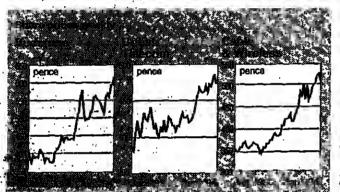
remains a very high growth story."

Many analysts argue that at a time when the global telecommunications industry is embracing a rapid pace of change, caused by new technology, new incentives for infrastructure investment and deregulation, Britain is in the vanguard of many of these changes. As with any other industry that undergoes a period of rapid change, all companies are adjusting rapidly but some should do better than

Martin Mabbatt, telecom cations analyst at James Capel, a British brokerage, said: "In any sort of long-term sense we are positive on the whole sector for the same reason most analysts are positive on most telecoms stocks around the world. That is it is a rapelly growing sector with changes in technology enabling telephone companies to offer new services and so we have a multimedia explosion of this, that and the other,

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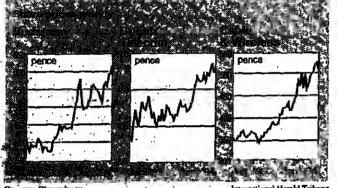
increased volume with, in some



cases, trends towards lower costs.".

age domestic phone line in Britain is used four minutes a day. The view is that there is plenty of room for an increase with new services and people might be enticed to stay on for, say, half an hour a day -a BT's prospects are considered the most predictable because of the

You have got to look at British Telecom like any other privatized utility because of the tough pricing formula," said Jim McCafferty, an analyst at the British brokerage Hoare Govett. Analysts say that

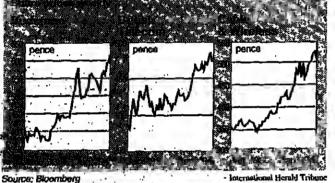


carnings must come from cuts in

To put this into context, the aver-

price cap imposed on it by OfTel, the British telecommunications regulator, Under this, British Telecom's prices are based on the retail index - which measures Britain's inflation and currently is runming at about 2 percent a year minus 7.5 percentage points, resulting in an effective reduction of 5.5 percent a year.

with this outlook any progress in



the 165,000 staff. BT has indicated it plans to reduce its work force by about 15,000 a year for the next few

lion) profit before taxes, with pershare earnings of 29 pence for the year ending in March. This puts the share on a prospective price-camings ratio — the share price divided by forecast per-share carnings -of just over 16.

Analysis generally agree BT's carnings growth will be lackluster for the next few years, hampered as it is by government regulation. But some still recommend buying it on the basis of a relatively cheap share price and a historic dividend yield of more than 4 percent.

Vodafone, on the other hand, is almost uniformly regarded as over-

price earnings ratio of almost 26.

"Love the company, love the sec-tor," said Mr. Miller of Lehman Brothers, but Christmas comes but once a year, sadly for Vodafone." He was referring to the eu-phoric rise in the stock price in reaction to recent sales figures. In December, for example, Vodafone signed up 52,500 net subscribers, taking it past the I millinn mark. That compares with a gain of 15,420 subscribers in July. Mr. Christmas sales and it is wrong to

capect them the year around. Cable & Wireless, however, is thought to be a good buy by many analysts because it is expected to show superior long-term earnings growth and is relatively cheap. On consensus forecast of per-share According to the Estimate Directory, the consensus analysts forecasts are: £2.775 billion (\$4.2 bil-

Some analysts said it should be bought on its share price weakness which has followed a setback on the Hong Kong stock market, where its subsidiary and largest earner, Hongkong Telecom, is quoted

The story has become an exciting one even apart from Hongkong Telecom," said Mr. Miller. "In point of fact the non-Hong Kong businesses within Cable & Wireless are nearly all growing more quickly than Hong Kong Mercury is grow-ing more quickly, most of the Ca-ribbean operations are, and areas priced. The consensus forecast for like North America, Australia and Vodafone's per-share earnings is Sweden are growing almost expo-23.8 pence for the year ending in nentially."

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# Dollar and U.S. Interest Rates Emerge as Twin Keys to Prospects for Coming Year



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At the outset of the New Year, perhaps more than at any other time of the year, international inestors attempt to pierce through the fog of uncertainty separating them from the year-end which also appens to coincide with the popular horizon of strategic investment decisions. Crystal ball-gazing has its attractions, but practical portfolio rebalancing moves at this point

Outlook < are likely to focus on the following four major investment consider-

First, will 1994 see a significant shift out of financial assets into their real or physical counterparts? Second, will the U.S. dollar bulls finally see their expectations validated? Third, will the seemingly open-ended global interest rate gap receive at least one solid anchor in the form of a monetary policy reversal in the United States? Finally, will the bear in the Japanese equity

market cease growling? 1994 is unlikely to see the resurgence of inflation, but investors are dready turning more positive on the outlook for commodity prices. Real oil prices are back to their prefirst energy crisis levels of two decades ago while industrial raw ma-terial prices have bostomed out. Moreover, prices of some metals and petroleum may be depressed due to Russian dumping which helps explain the current buildup of speculative interest in base met-

With the real cost of short-term money close to zero in the United

States, easier monetary policy in Europe and Japan, and high stock and bond markets valuations just about everywhere, it should not be surprising that commodities are perceived as low-risk investments.

Finally, the gold price is within a striking distance of its last August's high of \$407 an ounce, while among nine U.S. sector mutual funds last year, the gold sector registered the best performance, rising more than 80 percent. The dollar is starting 1994 on a

firm note with sufficient momentum to retest last year's highs, at least relative to the European currencies. This may not be the case against the yen, although 100 yea to the dollar in the rear-view mirror does look like a major low for the U.S. currency. With subdued inflation and a generally low interest-rate environment, the fickle foreign exchange markets are likely to focus more on growth differentials and recovery prospects around the

Politics will remain the key unknown as ever, but the current balance of such risks in the world tends to favor the American cur-



Anna Tong, director, Aetna Investment Management (Hong Kong) Ltd.

the strongest gain recorded in a reasonable valuation relative to single month since 1974. The euphoria carried forward for the first. The Hong Kong market had a

(especially in the futures market). Some weak retail holders are being shaken out. The Hong Kong market has long been an emotional one and the high volatility is likely to continue in 1994.

Although the political impasse between Britain and China remains unsolved, business has come to realize that this disagreement is not likely to derail the economy. The consensus is that China is not going to rock the boat due to its vested interests in Hong Kong.

The biggest concern for Hong Kong and for other Southeast Asian markets as well is the direction of interest rates in the United States. A turnaround of the interest rate cycle there will inevitably draw funds out of markets here. In fact, The Hong Kong market enjoyed all markets are overbought (except an early Chinese New Year largely Korea) on a short-term basis, but on the back of Chinese buying on correction, Hong Kong should gaining 30.3 percent in December, not be hit the hardest due to its

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percent discount to other Asian markets. We also believe that longbeen-ignored second and third liners, currently trading at around 10 times should be re-rated as laggards, putting an end to the two-tier market. When this happens, it may be the signal of the final leg of the bull market.



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to continue its advance with growth explosions exchange rate mechanism during the last two years, slightly higher than in 1993, while rates a Germany and Japan will show, at stable, growth around 0.5 percent and may both experience a double-dip recession. Short-term U.S. in-

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# Awaiting the Floating of a German Giant

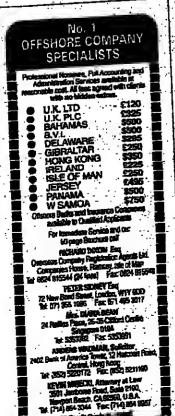
By Ann Brockleborst

OLITICIANS in Bonn have been hagging over the terms for the privati-zation of Deutsche Tele-kom, set to take place in 1996. The deal will create Germany's largest quoted company and will offer investors a chance to buy into e tele-communications giant whose mar-ket value may be exceeded only by American Telephone & Telegraph Co and Nippon Telegraph & Tele

Of the slew of European tele-communications privatizations communications privatizations coming up, the Deutsche Telekom sale is, due to its sheer size, the most eagerly awaited, but even its most basic conditions have yet to

be determined. How the government decides to regulate the German phone indus-try and how much control it retains over Dentsche Telekom "will have the greatest single impact on the market's valuation of the company." Salomon Brothers analysis wrote in a recent report. "Our preliminary model," the report added, "indicates a potential 1996 market capitalization of 85.2 billion based on hon DM (\$53.2 billion) based on our assumptions of a moderate regulatory environment for the com-

But the report commues, "Uncertainty on key regulatory issues will lead to a pessimistic investor attitude to the company which we estimate would cut our 1996 equity evaluation of 85.2 billion DM by



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is at the moment as politicians try Uncertainty is a to negotiate an agreement that will give them the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution to allow for the privatization. They are also under time pressure since privatization could be delayed or scrittled if the law is not in place before federal elections later this

While there is competition in the German mobile phone business. Dentsche Telekom is alone or completely dominant in almost all oth-

cable television. Evan Miller, tel company's size as a major strength Eastern Germany. in a "very scale-sensitive" industry. He also says Deutsche Telekom

is well positioned to take advantage and a telecommunications authorized the emerging Central European market. Just last month Deutsche snap up the stock as they have itech Corp, won a 30 percent stake in Hungary's state telephone company Matav, with an \$875 million bid. Hungary's telecommunications companies elsewhere, They will buy without even looking at whether the price is right or not simply because it's German." Telekom and a U.S. partner, Amer-

communications analyst at Leh-mann Brothers in London, sees the in modernizing phone systems in won out because of its experience

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# **SPORTS**

# Seizinger Rallies In Downhill for First '94 Victory

By Ken Shulman International Herald Tribune

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO. Italy - Katja Seizinger of Germany ral-lied in the middle of the 2,600-meter Olimpia della Tofane course to win the women's downhill on Friday, her first victory of the season.

Seizinger finished in one minute, 25.72 seconds, .37 seconds ahead of Austria's Veronika Stallmaier-Wallinger. Kate Pace of Canada, the world downhill ebampion, was third, 51 seconds off the winning time. Hilary Lindh of the United States was fourth. in 1:26:35.

"I didn't feel so great on the top part of the course," said Seizinger, who won six races last year. "In fact, I was a bit worried. But when I got to the middle I saw that I was skiing well again."

Overcoming a slow start that left her 39 seconds behind the leader after the first third of the course. the German downhill ace cut a perfect line through the remainder of the fast, winding track.

"There were some turns, and one turn in particular, that was extremely important," said Seizinger. who was edged ont hy Anita Wachter of Austria for last year's overall World Cup title by just 20 points. "I took that turn well, and it enabled me to come into the flats at

top speed."
"All the downhill racers were happy today to finally be able to run a regular race." Seizinger, 21, said after her lith career victory.
"It was a great race, and great for my confidence."

The year's first downhill, in Tignes, France, was shortened be-cause of bad weather, while the second downhill, in St. Anton-am-Arlberg, Austria, was divided into

For Pace, who won the season's opening downhill, the Cortina race belied ber reputation as a skier who does not perform well on challeng-

I want to prove to myself that I can ski any course on the World Cup circuit," said Pace, 24. After three races, she trails Seizinger by 2 points in the World Cup downhill

"I knew Katja was skiing well," she said. "So I needed to give it my best effort. I had a very good training run this morning, and I was very comfortable at the start.

Lindh's fourth-place showing was ber best result in a World Cup race. "I had the same sort of feeling at the start of today's race that I did at Meribel," she said, referring to ber silver medal in the 1992 Olympic downhill, "I made a slight mistake at the top of the course, but I skied the bottom better than anyone else. I'm very happy, even
though I don't think I skied as well
as I could."

The World Cup overall leader, Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden, placed 21st on Friday, bringing her point total to 720. Vreni Schneider of Switzerland, who competes only in slalom and giant slalom, is in second place with 698 points. The carly leader, Wachter, who was 37th on Friday, is third with 654 points.

race a super-g, while Sunday's giant slalom will close out the three days

of racing at Cortina.

■ Rerun for Austria Super-G The International Ski Federation on Friday ordered a rerun of the Jan. 2 women's World Cup su-per-g race, which was stopped after only 33 of the 85 skiers had left the starting gates. The Associated Press reported from Oberhofen,

This deprived Heidi Zurbrigge of Switzerland of ber first World Cup victory. She was leading when organizers at Altenmarkt, Austria, called off the race after several competitors crashed on a course made treacherous by a sudden drop

The general secretary, Gian-franco Kasper, said the federation's 18-member council, in a split vote, overruled the race jury, which validated the results only after the Swiss team protested. The place and date of the rerun will be set

■ Kitzbühl Session Halted

The timed training session Fri-day for a men's Alpine skiing World Cup downhill race at Kitzbuhl on Saturday was called off because of rain, organizers said, Reuters reported.

The rain, combined with warm ther and fog on the upper part of the Streif course, made training impossible, they said. Organizers said they were confident that the race could be held as planned on

Last year, the Streif downhill had to be canceled due to a lack of snow and warm weather.

The necessary two practice sessions for Saturday's race have al-

ready been held.
On Wednesday, Patrick Ortlieb
of Austria, the Olympie champion. set the fastest time. In Thursday's practice, Daniel Mahrer of Switzer land had the best time.

# Pick of the Playoff Crop? Chiefs-Oilers Looks Ripest

# In Buffalo, Fierce Weather **May Freeze Out Raiders**

CHIEFS (12-5) at OILERS (12-4): KEY STAT: Chiefs' Joe Montana is 15-5 in playoff games with league record 40 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions; he is 4-0 vs. the Oilers and team is 8-0 this season when it rushes 29 times or more. The Oilers have won five straight at home vs. Chiefs, including 30-0 victory in Week 2; Warren Moon is 6-2 vs. Kansas City and threw for 527 yards vs. Chiefs in 1990 (secondmost in league history), and Gary Brown's five 100-yard rushing games most by an Oiler since Mike Rozier's five in 1987.

COMMENT: Kansas City has not won in Houston since a 13-10 overtime victory in 1983. In their lopsided loss there early in the

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regular season. Montana did not play. This could be the best game of the playoff bunch, since it is the only game that pits two divisional winners (Kansas City from the AFC West and Houston from the AFC Central). One can expect that Buddy Ryan's defense will come after Montana hot and heavy, but Montana is nimble enough and smart enough to make quick reads and quick passes. The game falls on Montana's shoulders and in the Chiefs receivers' hands, because Kansas City will most likely not run effectively in this game. That puts Montana right where Ryan wants him. Moon will not have as many problems with the Chiefs' defense. Oddsmakers favor the Oilers by 7

RAIDERS (11-6) at BILLS (12-4): KEY STAT: Raiders' Jeff Hostetler is 4-0 in playoff games with six touchdown passes and no interceptions and is also first Raider to pass for 3,000 yards in a season since Ken Stabler in 1979. The Bills have won six straight playoff games at home: Thurman Thomas finished first in total scrimmage yards for fifth straight season, and Bruce Smith made at least one sack

COMMENT: Here go the Raiders again venturing into cold weather with their coaches wondering just bow the cold will affect the offense. The defense should be fine. But the Raiders rely on big-play passing and the key question is whether the receivers will be able to hold onto the ball in frigid conditions (game-time temperatures could dip below zero degrees Fahrenheit, or minus 18 degrees centigrade). Another problem for the Raiders is the Buffalo pass rush, It is much stronger than Denver's, so Jeff Hostetler will not enjoy the extra time he gained vs. Denver in passing for three touchdowns. Add the cold and the fact that the Raiders play their second game in six days, while the Bills had two weeks to prepare, and the odds and the game seem nearly insurmountable for the Raiders. Bills by 61/2.

GIANTS (12-5) at 49ERS (10-6): KEY STAT; The Giants' coach, Dan Reeves, is 10-4 vs. NFC West teams; team is 10-2 when Rodney Hampon rushes for 100 or more yards, and Phil Simms has not been intercepted in his last seven games and only once in six postseason games. The 49ers are 10-3 in playoff games at Candlestick Park since 1981, and Steve Young in 10 postseason games has rushed for 184 yards on 30 carries with two rushing touchdowns.

COMMENT: The Giants have to be encouraged by the fact that Hampton rushed for 161 yards vs. Minnesota and the league's topranked defense that was allowing an average of only 95.9 rushing yards per game. The 49ers are not nearly as good vs. the run and if the Giants



Kevin Gogan, left, and Frank Cornish kept their minds off the Packers with a game of one-on-one in the Dallas locker room.

get Hampton going early, they are in this game for good. The flip side is not only Ricky Walters running at tailback but Young's scrambling ways, too. He can take a negative play and turn it into a positive with alippery moves and above average speed. This should be a physical game from the opening kickoff and in that area, the Giants have an edge. But look for San Francisco's speed on offense to make the difference — and Young's timely runs. 49ers by 71/2.

PACKERS (10-7) at COWBOYS (12-4): KEY STAT: Packers, a league best 14-5 in postseason, recorded consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1966-67 and lost, 36-14, at Dallas in Week 5. The Cowboys have played in league record 41 postseason games and own league mark 24 victories, Troy Alkman has eight touchdown passes and one interception in four postseason games, and defense has not allowed a first half touchdown in its last 11 quarters.

COMMENT: Dallas is very confident in this matchup. Dallas handled the Packers easily during the regular season and limited the Packers super receiver, Sterling Sharpe, to only four catches. That will change. Sharpe has become the focus of the Green Bay offense, and for good reason: he offers clusive moves, good hands and excellent speed after the catch. He is strong. His matchup vs. cornerback Kevin Smith is worth watching: Smith made at least one interception in three of his last four games. Green Bay is riding high after its miraculous playoff victory at Detroit, but the bubble could burst here. Look for the Dallas offense to click from beginning to end, and for defensive end Charles Haley to return to bruising form and spark the defense. Cowboys by

These National Football League matchups were prepared by Thomas George of The New York Times. Odds were provided by Harrah's.

# 10 Years Later, Same Track, Same Cyclist, Same Goal: The Longest Hour

By Samuel Abt

PARIS — Soaring on wings of suspect wax, Francesco Moser bopes to break the most revered speed record in bicycling on Saturday. Around and around and around an outdoor track in Mexico City he will go, propelled more than 25 feet with each revolution of the pedals as he aims to travel farther

Can he do it? In the Italian's favor is the fact that he set the record once before on the same high-altitude track. But that was 10 years ago this month and he is now nearly 43 years old and has been retired from competition since 1988.

than anybody has ever gone in a one-hour ride.

In his day - the late 1970s through the mid-1980s — Moser was a formidable rider, victorious in the grueling Paris-Roubaix race three times, a winner of the Giro d'Italia, a world champion on the road and track. Lately, he is a prosperous maker of wine and bicycles and a familiar figure at

Italian races as a spectator and official.

esteemed sports doctor Francesco Conconi, he would be back for another shot. Not to try to regain the record, Moser explained, but to see if he could better his own mark. A personal best was all

he sought, be said unconvincingly.

Among those most unconvinced is Chris Boardman, the 25-year-old Briton who holds the bour record of 52.270 kilometers (32.270 miles). "I've never considered that Francesco was going for a personal best," Boardman said this week in a

telephone interview. "It's not logical to go to Mexico, have a track resurfaced, assemble some of the best doctors in the world, work with Professor Conconi, have a bike developed - you don't do all

that for a personal best,"

For a personal best," he continued, "you hire the track in Stuttgart for the day, you get your old bike and you try to beat your old record." Agreed, then, that Moser is going for Board-man's record, which was set July 23 on the indoor

track in Bordeaux. The question remains: Can Moser do it? While the general feeling is no, two Until last summer be rode his bicycle solely for men who understand the record better than most exercise. Then his record for the hour's ride was broken and Moser announced that, assisted by the be will.

"Nothing's impossible," said Graeme Obree af-ter a humming mantra of thought. Obree mastered the impossible on July 17 when he rode his home-made and revolutionary bicycle around the track in Hamar, Norway, fast enough to break Moser's record. The 28-year-old Scot covered 51.596 kilo-

Can Moser do it? While the general feeling is no, two men who understand the record better than most think he can.

meters, or 445 meters farther than Moser's 51.151 kilometers in 1984. A week later in Bordeaux. Boardman outdid them both.

The ebullient Obree said he was pleased that Moser was going for the record.

"He's a true champion — he's come back," he said. Obree is even pleased that Moser has copied his handlebars, his bicycle design and his aerody-

ly everybody else regards as one of Mosea's major flaws. "I think the best thing is the age, trying to break it at his age," he said. "If you've got it, why

a huge disadvantage when you can afford to comhave the resources to prepare in any way you see fit," he said. "He's been out of competition but he hasn't stopped riding a bike," Boardman said. "The body

doesn't change overnight; you develop something over many, many years and it doesn't just disap-pear. He's never stopped riding the bike and he won't be unfit till the day he dies."

"It's feasible that he will break my record," he concluded. "I don't think he can cruise it but I

think it's possible he can pip it."

The thin air in Mexico City will help Moser since it offers less resistance than Boardman encountered at sea level in Bordeaux. That thin air is would have done a breakdance."

"That's very nice," Obree said over the phone.
"No problem at all."

Even better, the Scot continued, was what nearby everybody else regards as one of Moser's major

Mexico — that should be a big consideration."

If Moser does reclaim the record, both Board. man and Obrec intend to go after it again. ot carry on?"

"Yes, definitely," Boardman said. "But in the
Boardman was more cautious. "Forty-two is not
longer term, not the shorter one. I ve got my plate filled for the next year, trying to establish myself in the pro world." He has signed for this season with the Gan team based in France and will be competing mainly on the road.

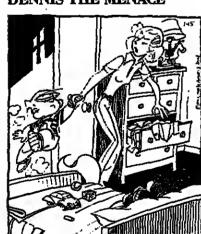
"Gan is very supportive of my going for the record again," he said, "but in 1995, not 1994."

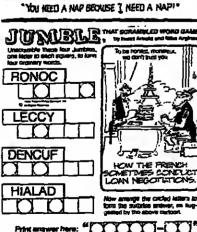
There will be no such wait for Obree, who had already planned an attempt this year to beat Boardman's mark. If Moser gets there first, he said, he will shoot for the new record instead.

Obree, who organized his successful record attempt when he was broke and living on welfare

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On Saturday, the women will





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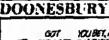
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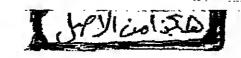




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# **SPORTS**

# Coaches Put Off Boycott Plan After White House Intervenes

WASHINGTON - Black basketball coaches agreed on Friday to postpone their threatened boycott of this weekend's college games af-ter the White House directed the Justice Department to intervene in their dispute with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Because of interest from the White House, we have agreed to delay the howcott," said Drake's coach, Rudy Washington, execu-tive director of the Black Coaches

Representative Kwein Mfum Democrat of Maryland, said the 40-member Congressional Black Cancus had asked the White House to step into the dispute over reduced athletic scholarships and proposed higher admission requireme Mfume said the cancas, which he chairs, was notified by the Justice

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Department on Friday that it was prepared to intervene, but he did not say specifically just how.
The Justice Department has ex-

ased a desire to help mediate and arbitrate the differences that exist," Minme said. "We are asking that they look at a full range of issues. A number of things

a decision of such a state of avoiding the dis-ruption of the season, Collins told

"It is a very unfortunate situa-Washington

Energy and Commerce subcom-

But she said her task force should first have "an opportunity to discuss these issues with mem-bers of both the Black Coaches Association and the NCAA" before any boycott.

Washington had said Thursday that he hoped the lawmakers would

Earlier, Representative Cardiss act as an arbitrator in the disput Collins, Democrat of Illinois, had "If we don't come to some kind collins, Democrat of Limbos, that of agreement or get ourselves an asked the coaches to postpone their of agreement or get ourselves an abrust of get ourselves and a property of get ourselves and a property of get ourselves and a property of get ourselves an abrust of get ourselves and get ourselves are get ourselves and get ourselves and get ourselves are get ourselves are get ourselves are get ourselves and get ourselves are get ourselves and get ourselves are get oursel Caucus could have a chance to me pen on Saturday," Wasi diate in the dispute. said in Tulsa, Oklahoma

I want to strongly urge you and He fueled the speculation of your members to postpone making those who feared major disruptions a decision of such critical important of weekend games and possibly

Washington.

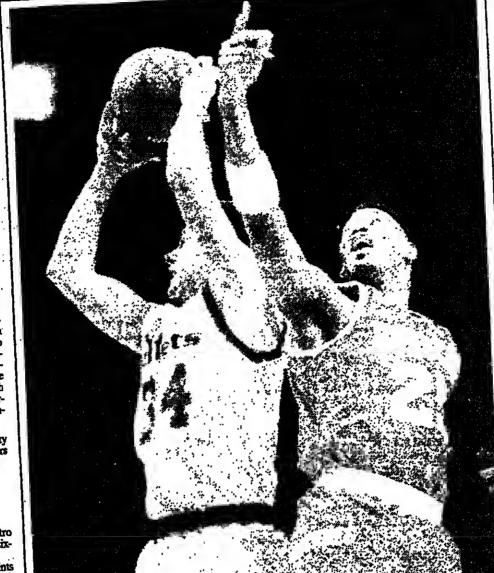
Collins chairs both the House verge of being nuclear. If we can't come to some kind of terms, I'm mittee that oversee the NCAA, and really afraid of the season itself. It the 40-member Congressional has to be dealt with. We're reason-Black Caucus's task force on inter- able men, and I think the NCAA is

collegiate athletics.

In a letter to Washington, Collins said the black coaches "are understandably upset." by the NCAA rejecting their move to restore a 14th scholarship for men's Division I basketball program.

But the said her task force BCA "thought we had a deal" with the NCAA regarding that scholar-ship, one they feel will affect hundreds of minority students.

The BCA initially listed a variety of options, including asking players



LAST BUT NOT LEAST — The Bullets' Don MacLean snaring a rebound against Houston's Robert Horry. Washington, last in its division, shocked the Rockets, who lead theirs, 120-102.

# Wake Forest Keeps Duke No. 2

Duke blew a chance to take over the top spot in college basketball. The No. 2 Blue Devils were in line to become the nation's top-ranked team after No.1 North Carolina lost to Georgia Tech on Wednesday, But Duke was upset by Wake Forest, 69-68, on Thursday night on Randolph Childress's 3-pointer with 11 seconds left in

Durham, North Carolina. "I can't remember a more dramatic win for us in my four and a half years at Wake Forest," Coach

Dave Odom said. Although Childress's shot was clearly outside the arc. officials did not signal that it was a 3-pointer, and the scoreboard read 68-68 after the ball went through the basket. So after Grant Hill missed a 15footer for Duke in the closing sec-

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Devils' coach, Mike Krzyzewski, inst. in the Anamic 10.

No. 10 Michigan 86, Ohio St. 75:

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Wake Forest (11-3, 2-0 ACC) in time to beat Ohio State (8-6, 1-2) in the tournament and earned a 15-9 victory, over the All Blacks in 10 years.

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No. 5 UCLA 81, Washington St. 79: Typs Edney made the go-ahead basket and two free throws down the stretch to help visiting UCLA remain undefeated.

Pac-10) the lead for only the second time in the game, 77-76. Edney hit two free throws to make it 79-76 with 28 seconds left, and UCLA's George Zidek added two free throws with 13 seconds remaining before Eddie Hill closed out the scoring with a 3-pointer for Washington State (10-5, 0-3).

No. 19 California 98, No. 6 Arizona 93: In Tueson, Lamond Murray scored 33 points for Cai (10-2, 3-0), including a 3-pointer to force overtime and three free throws in the final minute of the extra period. Arizona (12-2, 1-1 Pac-10) took a 93-91 lead in overtime on Dylan Rigdon's jumper, but Jason Kidd tied it with 1:33 left on a dunk, and Murray hit the go-ahead free throw with 52.3 seconds remaining.

No. 7 Massachusetts 70, No. 23 West Virginia 56: Dana Dingle scored 17 points and visiting Massachrisetts (12-1, 4-0) took advantage of sloppy play by West Virginia (9-2. 3-1) to take over sole possession of

10-point deficit in the second half. The Buckeyes tied it at 71 on Charles Macon's jumper with nine

seconds remaining in regulation. No. 15 Louisville 95, Virginia Tech 76: In Louisville, Kentucky, Edney's jumper with 1:51 remaining gave the Bruins (10-0, 2-0)

Tech 76: In Louisville, Kentucky,
DeJuan Wheat scored 22 points as

the Cardinals (11-2, 2-1 Metro Conference) snapped Tech's six-

After falling behind by 15 points in the second half, Virginia Tech (10-2, 1-1) pulled within nine on two baskets by Jim Jackson and a layup by Ace Custis. Wheat then hit a 3inter and two free throws as Louisville broke it open with a 9-0 run.

# Rugby: England Favored? Not by French

1.ONDON — After its impressive recent victory over New Zealand, England should be the clear favorite to win the Five Nations rugby union tournament, which starts Saturday. The French, however, don't see it that way.

In November, a week after the All Blacks had crushed Scotland, 50-15, at Murrayfield, England prevented New Zealand from scoring a try and produced a well-controlled performance at Twickenham that earned a 15-9 victory, its first

In theory, that makes England the strongest team in the tournament. But France is the defending champion and faces England in Paris in "I feel we have everything in our favor," said Serge Blanco, the former French fullback who starred for the 1981 and 1987 teams that won

Grand Slams. The match against England is the key to the whole championship and I believe France will win, playing at home.

"Pm not saying France will necessarily win the Grand Slam. But, Grand Slam or not France will win the championship.

France hosts Ireland in Saturday's opener at Parc de Princes, while Scotland travels to Wales for a game that some say will decide which team

Ireland will rely heavily on the kicking of fly-half Eric Elwood and hope the traditionally slow-starting French don't catch fire.

The Welsh, the strongest and most stylish team in the 1960s and 70s, still are in disarray, especially after losing 26-24 at home to Canada in November. The Scots have made eight changes following their record home thrashing by the All Blacks but hope to bounce back with a victory at Arms Park.

England sits out the opening weekend and begins its quest for a record-equaling 21st championship title when it faces Scotland at Murrayfield on Feb. 5.

A Grand Slam winner in 1991 and '92, England still has the all-round power to win the title again and tie Wales' record of 21.

It has a match-winning kicker in fly-half Rob Andrew, a muscular yet mobile set of forwards and an inspirational captain, center Will Carling. Thierry LaCroix has taken over from Didier

though Alain Penaud, a 24-year-old fly-half, is likely to cootribute plenty of drop goals.
Philippe Sella remains at center but other

long-serving backs such as Jean-Baptiste La-fond, Franck Mesnel and Camberabero are unlikely to return. Even last season's successful captain, Jean-François Tordo, has been re-

Michael Bradley will again team up in mid-Michael Bradley will again team up in indi-field with Elwood in the Irish team, which is likely to rely on tactical kicking and gaining territory rather than running with the ball. The Welsh bave lost Richard Webster to rugby league and still are looking for an inspira-tional fly-half to compare with past greats Bar-

ry John and Phil Bennett. For Scotland, Gary Armstrong and Craig Chalmers make up an impressive scrum-half/fly-half combioation although speculation abounds that the Scots may move Chalmers to center to make way for the emerging Gregor

Gavin Hastings led last season's scorers with 32 points and has the kicking ability to make up for his team's lack of try-scoring.

# 3 Suspects Held In Alleged Plot To Hurt Skater

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PORTLAND, Oregon - Two men, including Tonya Harding's hodyguard, were in jail, and a third man surrendered Friday on charges that they had participated in the alleged piot to disable the figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

Harding, scheduled to skate in next month's Winter Olympics, and her ex-bushand. Jeff Gillooly, were spotted leaving their rural home on Friday. The couple had remained out of sight since Tuesday amid questions about their roles, if any in the alleged plan.

Neither Harding nor Gillooly answered questions and it was not

known where they were going. Kerrigan, asked at a news conserence Friday outside her Massachusetts home why someone would hit her, said, "I don't think I could

ever understand the answer because I can't think that viciously." She said her recovery was going well and that she did not expect the injury to affect her Olympic performance. She would oot answer ques-

tions concerning arrests in the case. Shane Minoaka Stant, 22, surrendered Friday to the authorities in Phoenix, Arizona, according to an FB1 spokesman, Bart Gori, in

Portland. Gori said Stant was charged with conspiracy to commit assault, a state charge, and unlawful flight, a federal charge.

"He's a paramilitary sort of guy who is familiar with weapons." Gori said. Gori had described Stant as armed and dangerous and said he was believed to possess a shotgun and a 9mm semi-automatic

Gori said the FBI was not searching for any other suspects in the case, but said, "We have some leads and are pursuing them. The Portland asistant district at-

torney, Norm Frink, did oot respond when asked if more arrest warrants were expected.

Harding's hodyguard, Shawn Eric Eckardt, 26, and Derrick Brian Smith, 29, were arrested Thursday night and charged with conspiracy to commit assault in the attack on Kerrigan in Detroit last week. The charge is a selooy punisbable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$100,000

Meanwhile, indictments unsealed Friday said Stant, Eckardt and Smith conspired in late December in Portland 10 "unlawfully ationally cause physical injury to Nancy Kerrigan by means of a dangerous weapon, by striking Nancy Kerrigan in the leg with the dangerous weapon."

District Attorney Micbael Schrunk declined to comment on the roles each of the men played in

the attack, nor would he answer any other questions from reporters, including whether more warants are expected.

A Portland radio station reported that Stant was Smith's neph The Oregonian newspaper said Stant was accused of being the hitman in the attack on Kerrigan. Stant checked into a suburban

Detroit motel on Jan. 4 and remained there until Jan. 7, the day after the attack, investigators said in a report in Friday's Detroit News, Smith is believed to have stayed in the same motel.

Kerrigan was forced to withdraw from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Jan. 6 after she was struck above the knee by a man wielding a club. Harding won the championships and ooth were named to the Olympic team.

There was no indication that Harding was involved in planning the attack, the authorities said. disputing a report by a Boston televi-

sion station that a sealed warrant contained her name. Fox News quoted unidentified law enforcement officials as saying

that Smith acted as the getaway driver in the actack. The authorities said an arraign-

ment was scheduled later Friday.

The Detroit police chief, Isaiah McKinnon, said on NBC televison Friday morning that more charges were possible in Michigan. He did not say who might be charged or specify any charges.
"We here in Detroit, the Detroit Police Department, are working

with the local FBI and with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to solidify any possible prosecution from our end," he said. On Monday, before specific allegations surfaced, Harding and Gil-

looly denied any involvement in Thursday night, Harding's attorney. Dennis Rawlinson, declined

comment about the case. Harding's relatives and some re-

ports have depicted Gillooly as a jealous man who abused Harding and restricted ber access to other The U.S. Olympic Committee and the U.S. Figure Skating Asso-

ciation said that as loog as Harding was not implicated in the attack she had the right to remain on the Olympic team. Skating officials said Friday that

Kerrigan could be back oo the ice as early as Mooday. After two days of physical thera-

py, her knee has shown sig improvement, the association said. The USFSA statement said Kerrigan could be back on the ice as early as Monday or Tuesday.

(AP, Reuters)

### SIDELINES

# UEFA Maintains Yugoslavia Ban

ZURICH (AP) — Yugoslavia, banned from sports under United Nations sanctions, was decired a spot Friday in the preliminary round draw for soccer's 1996 European Championship.

At a special meeting, UEFA, Buropean soccer's governing body, also admitted the former Yugoslav republic of Macedoma to the Jan. 22 draw in Manchester, England, as a provisional member. UEFA's emergency committee said it refused the application by the Yugoslav soccer federation, now representing only Serbia and Montenegro, because the UN sanctions remain in force. sanctions remain in force.

UEFA said it would consider readmitting Yugoslavia to European Soccer if the sanctions were lifted before European Championship quali-

fying matches start in the fall.

# Calm Winds Cut U.S. Yacht's Lead

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — The American yacht Winston, slowed by calm winds in a high-pressure system, lost almost a third of its lead during a six-hour period Friday night in the third leg of the Whithread Round the World Race.

New Zealand Endeavor, the leading Maxi yacht, closed the gap on the New Zealand Endeavor, the leading Maxi yacht, closed the gap on the American Whithread 60 entry from 146 nautical miles to 98 miles.

American Whitbread 60 entry from 146 nantical miles to 98 miles. Endeavor was averaging 10.4 knots to Winston's 2.3 knots. Winston was the only yeach affected by the adverse weather pattern. The other 13 hoats off the southern coast of Australia. The Japanese-New Zealand entry

Tokio remained second in the Whithread 60 class.

Winston, captained by Dennis Conner, surged ahead of the fleet earlier in the week when it separated from the other boats to take advantage of strong westerly winds further south.

# Wang of China Gets Owen Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Wang Imaxia of China, who set world records for the women's 3,000 meters and 10,000 meters last year, has been awarded. the women's 3,000 meters and 10,000 meters last year, has been awarded the 1994 Jesse Owens International Trophy.

Wang, the first Asian to win the award in its 14-year history, received 134 points in balloting by a worldwide panel of selectors. The award, 134 points in balloting by a worldwide panel of selectors. The award, amounced Thursday, is presented to the athlete who best personifies excellence in athletic performance and promotes sincere cooperation and excellence in athletic performance and promotes sincere cooperation and undergranding among people of all nations. Wang set the 10,000-meter-record of 29 minutes, 31.78 seconds, on Sept 8 and on Sept. 13 she set the

The American Gail Devers, winner of world rides in the women's 100-3,000-meter record of 8:06.11. neter dash and 100-meter hundles in 1993, limished second with 106 points. Noureddine Moroch of Algeria, who broke the eight-year-old world record in the men's mile, was third with 96 points.

### Jordan in Wichita's Field of Dreams WICHITA, Kanssis (AP) — The Wichita Wranglers have a message for

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — The Wichita Wranglers have a message for Michael Jordan: If that thing with the Chicago White Sox doesn't work out, he's got a home with the Wichita minor league baseball team.

The Wranglers, the San Diego Padres affiliate club in the Double-A.

Teras League — the second level of minors down from the majors — on The William of League a starting job in center field. Thursday offered Jordan a starting job in center field.

In an interview published in Thursday's edition of the Chicago Triin an interview phononica in annusary's common or the cincago in-bine, Jordan, 30, said he hoped to play with the White Sox. The Wranglers said he did not respond immediately to their offer, terms of

### which were not disclosed. For the Record

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Releinn and the Netherlands banached a joint bid to host soccer's 2000 Belgium and the Netherlands saunched a joint and to host soccer's 2000 European Championship, with matches shared between four Dutch and four Belgian stadiums. Their bid is expected to face competition from (AP) Austria, Spain and Switzerland.

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M IAMI — It is the time of year when we put the holiday sea-

son behind us; a time when we suck

in our stomachs, leave the cozy

confines of our homes, go back out

into the working world, purchase

some beer, return to our homes, lie

down in front of our TVs and let

I love to watch football on TV,

and I will tell you exactly why: I

have no idea. Perhaps the appeal of

this violent game stems from some

basic biological urge that guys have, dating back millions of years to when primitive, spear-carrying men

would go into the forest to hunt game for their families, and their

very survival depended on their ability to operate a remote control.

Whatever the attraction is, a lot of

women seem to be immune to it. I

have seen women walk right past a

TV set with a football game on and

— this always amazes me — not stop to watch, even if the TV is

showing replays of what we call a

"good hit," which is a tackle that croses at least one major internal organ to actually fly out of a player's

body. The average guy might not be

able to name the secretary of state,

but he can tell you who made the hit

that turned Joe Theismann into a

human Gumhy - an injury so borrible to watch that the TV people basically canceled the rest of the

season so they could show close-up replays of it in slow motion. (Just for

our stomachs protrude hack out. It's time for the pro football

Europe

the fact that most of us are journal-ists who rarely haul any payload larger than, say, a bagel. We do not talk, except to analyze the fine points of the game. FIRST GUY; Whoa! Look at that! What IS that?

SECOND GUY: I think that's

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THIRD GUY: No, a spleen that travels that far is going to rupture. That has to be a kidney.

I don't want you to think that all we guys do at this gathering is watch football. We also PLAY football, in the backyard. It's a demanding game. For one thing, each player has recently consumed his weight in onion dip. We play Stan-dard Backyard Touch Football Rules, which require that, on each down, the offensive players must spend a minimum of five minutes in the huddle, devising a pass play more complex than the Clinton health plan, calling for curls, hooks, slants, feints, cutbacks, laterals, running all the way around the house, diving into the ham-mock, giving the ball to a small child and instructing the child to cry if an opposing player comes

The main difference between our games and pro football is that sometimes we score a touchdown. This virtually never happens in the NFL. The referees won't allow it. They're jealous of the players, because the players get to wear sleek athletic uniforms, whereas the referees have to wear dorky little hats and pants that make them appear to have enormous butts. They look like they're smuggling mattresses back there. So if a player scores a touchdown, the referees immediately call it back and make a complex an-nouncement over the loudspeakers ("O. K., WE HAVE HOLDING ON NUMBER 84, WHICH IS OFFSET BY AN ILLEGAL PA-RAMETER ON NUMBER 73, WHICH IS FURTHER COM-POUNDED BY A FAILURE TO DECLARE NONACCRUABLE

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My suggestions for making the more exciting are:

1. Allow the refs to wear cool uniforms and participate in endzone dances, or . . . 2. Allow the players to tackle the

referees. ("O. K., WE HAVE — WHAM.") I urge the owners to consider these sensible changes. Also, while they're up, they should get me a

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

# 'Claustrophobia': Russia's Future Past

DARIS - A word to sum up Russia today? Claustrophobia, suggests Lev Dodin, director of the Malv Theater of St. Petersburg. Claustrophobia not only for the obvious reasons but also because a country so vast that you feel you will never reach its borders creates its own

"Claustrophobia is also a mental state that is international," Dodin says. "The processes that are going on in our country are happening throughout the world with the

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growth of nationalism and the closing of mental and vsical frontiers."

The Maly's production of "Claustrophobia," commissioned by the MC93 theater in the Paris suburb of Bobigny, has its world premiere there on Jan. 18. It grew out of an exercise Dodin gave his young troupe when they were playing in "Gaudeamus" at Bobigny in 1992: to sort out their impressions on their first contact with European culture and life. As if to show that the largely improvised work was on track, on the last day of rehearsals in St. Petersburg Vladimir Zhirinovsky won his startling elector-

'Audiences might think we changed the piece because of the election, but it was already there," Dodin said through his interpreter and dramaturge, Mikhail Stromin Dodin's work has always had its premonitory side. His 1985 epic, "Brothers and Sisters," set in a collective farm at the end of World War II, opened the night Konstantin Chernenko died and it prefigured the perestroika era.
"Stars of the Morning Sky," nominally about the government's decision to shunt Moscow's prostitutes out of sight during the 1980 Olympics, was really about the value of human life and humiliations that not only prostitutes but all people are subject to.

all people are subject to.

"Looking at what is happening now, we see how low a value is put on human life," Dodin says. "Gaudeamus," a musical fantasy set in a low-grade army unit, was a metaphor for the dangers of nationalism in a dislocated society.

All these productions will be seen again in Paris in the coming three months in a season that ends at the Odéon, where Dodin and his company will perform their first Chekhov production, "The Cherry Orchard."

A director of originality and pertinence, used to working through allusion both because of his life under a repressive regime and because of his belief that theater transcends the particular, Dodin does not intend his work to be seen in a political framework. If "Claustrophobia" preligures Zhirinovsky, he says, "There is always the idea that our past may one day become our future. And when we speak of the future, don't we also speak of the past?" This year, both Dodin and the Maly celebrate their 50th birthdays. The Maly (Russian for small, as opposed to Bolshoi, or big), a former variety theater, was opened after

the frightful stege of Leningrad in response to the people's need for the healing powers of art. Dodin, its director since 1983, also teaches at the Theater Institute and mixes his students with more experienced members of the troupe. Dodin was born in Siberia, where his geologist father was working (his mother is a physician) and raised in a crowded communal flat in Leningrad where he escaped from his own claustrophobia by reading in the kitchen shared by 50 people. "I imagined myself somewhere else no less real than that kitchen. This reality became very interesting to me and expressing it gave me my impetus in art." Lev Dodin, director of the Maly Theater of St. Petersburg, is staging his play in Paris.

banned from directing or teaching except in a guest capacity. No explanation was ever given, though it is probably not unconnected with the fact that be is Jewish. The experience was not wasted —"I had time for accumulation, which is very important for an artist" — and his rare opportunities to work during that decade gave him an intensity he has not lost. "Each play for me was as if it were the last and this is very good training. You have to invest everything you have in this one thing."

In recent years, the Maly has become internationally

His arrival at the Maly ended 10 years in which he was

known, at least in Europe. Their 1988 visit to New York with "Brothers and Sisters" was aborted by a shady producer but they will appear at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in November. Dodin first thought of doing "The Cherry Orchard" when leading a workshop in 1992 in a

Scottish mansion surrounded by a forest.

Asked what his production of "The Cherry Orchard" is about, what his characters are like and how their house looks, Dodin smiles and says, "We are doing it to find the answer to those questions.

"We are still working on the production but right now the starting point is that these people are living in a time of great change and at such moments people feel the passage of time acutely. That is why each person is particularly avid for the present and appreciates each moment of the

How does the parvenu Lopakhin fit into this world?
"The only thing I can say is if 14 years later the house were destroyed, Lopakhin would be destroyed as well and this

makes us feel quite special about him. For us he is part of the family. He belongs to the past rather than the future. The future turned out to be very tragic."

All Dodin's work comments on the effect of history on

people and in recent works he has deliberately mixed high art and low. In "Gaudeamus," he used music from Boc-cherini to Santana, in "Claustrophobia" there is Mozart and Piaf. It is a way of mingling human brutshity and potentiality. "I want to remind man of the cruel and evil hings he can do and also that he is God's creation. The space between the two creates the aesthetic of the produc-

Dodin is saddened to see how unimportant theater is to the West. "I would love to make people think about theater as a cultural phenomenon, about its range and possibilities. I think it has become rather abased, rather

like a production line. With the exception of some out-standing personalities, theater in the West is flaccid." The West, he says, has been exhausted for some time while his country is pulling out of a torpor it was falling into two years ago when it seemed that the fight against pression had been won.
"It seems to me that now this sense of exhaustion is being

overcome in Russia, that people are tired of being tired. There are new playwrights, interesting writers of fiction. There was a time when people thought all the problems had been exhausted. It turned out they were just beginn "And this gives birth to new energy. It means that if we

are alive and not imprisoned, something positive may

her A hospital spokesman said the 51-year-old Wynette had returned to her Nashville, Tennessee, home and was expected to resume her concest schedule this weekend.

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> The determony is one of several imperial events in each new year. A
> handful of readers, most chosen
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PEOPLE

Woody Files Appeal

In Child-Custody Battle Woody Allen, who lost an earlier

child custody battle with Mia Far-

row, is appealing a judge's ruling that he is not a fit parent. Allen is not only seeking custody of Satch-

ek his and Farrow's 5-year-old blo-

logical son, but also wants liberal,

unsupervised visitation with the

couple's adopted daughter, Dylan,

now 8. An adopted son, Moses, 16,

has said he does not want to see the

film director. Farrow was awarded

custody of all three children after a

The country singer Tanany Wyn-ette has been released from a Pitts-

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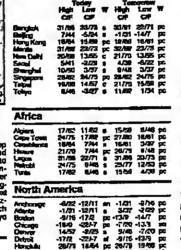
Barbra Streisand is the first contributor to a fund to fight breast cancer set up in memory of Virginia Charge, Kelley, the president's mother, who died of the disease on Jan. 6. The Barbra Stressand Foundation donated \$200,000 to the fund at the Arkansas Cancer Research Center.

The Newport, Rhode Island, City Council has voted to allow Arnold Schraizenegger's movie company to exceed noise limits for a chase an explosion in an action-comedy, tentatively titled "True Lies."

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### In New York, the Ultimate in Sushi Bars: It Seats 5

By Joshua Shapiro New York Times Sarrice

NEW YORK — Just below its signature Chippendale-style pediment, the top floor of the 35-floor Sony building at Madison Aveoue and 56th Street houses a tiny hideaway that is both the pride and a possible concern of

When Sony moved into the former AT&T headquarters building in 1992 and remodeled it for 1,400 employees of Sony Music Entertainment, it made only cosmetic changes in the executive dining spaces and meeting moons on the top floor that are now collectively known as the Sony Club. The area, with elaborate mahogany and marble, is a rarefied haven where utives and their guests cat, schmooze and conduct business while looking out on stunning

But in the windowless core of the building Sony has created what may be the most elegan making space in the United States, a sushi considered unlucky), built at a cost of \$250,000 according to Richard Bloch of YniBloch De

urning the 17-by-34-foot (5-by-10-meter

space into a miniature Japanese universe was the inspiration of Barry Wine, the former owner and chef of the Quilted Giraffe restaurant who.

is overseeing all of Sony's food operations.

"To work, the place had to be sobinsticated, for people who appreciate quality of design and construction," he said. "It had to be modern but not ootrageous. And it had to he comfortable enough for a manager of a rock group to sit next to the managers in suits and ties from the

To meet these requirements, Wine drew on a crosscultural background. His Quilted Giraffe,

With a wealth of custom de oshi bar space cost more than \$500 a square twice what industry experts say a with Japanese sensibilities, using color, texture ing, sound and even smell to create a sense

The designers favored natural materials and

a limited palette of restful grays and greens. At the entrance step, a row of pale-green straw tatam mats give the room a smell of grass. The walls are provided with traditional hand-loomed lithian cotton, stretched over wood and sound-

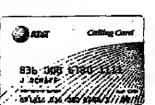
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absorbent batting. The wall trim and dado, the lower part of the walf are glossy gray green urushi, natural Japa-nese lacquer derived from tree sap. The lacquer was applied to sheets of ceramic instead of wood; which cycles of dry winters and humid

summers in New York would warp and distort. The black, bowed granite sushi counter is the eparating the diners from the chef's worktop.

ent color, "to confer a greater importance and individuality to its occupant," Bloch said. Everything has been measured, ordered and - even the publicity. Perhans because the new space doesn't fit the egalitarian image of Japanese corporations, where employees wear uniforms and share the same cafeterias, a company spokesw

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